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India N-scare

US kills sale

WASHINGTON, July 17. (Agencies): The Bush administration has decided to ban the sale to India of a sophisticated missile-testing device that CIA and Pentagon officials fear could advance New Delhi's nuclear weapon capability, the Washington Post reported today.

The \$1.2 million device, Combine Acceleration Vibron Climatic Test System, or CAVCTS, has been the subject of intense debate within the US government for the past two years, the Post report said.

The CIA and Pentagon have argued that CAVCTS technology could further India's ability to develop intermediate-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads, the Post said.

However, the Commerce Department supports the sale and the State Department is divided on the issue, the newspaper said.

Indian Defence Minister K.C. Pant came to Washington last month hoping to persuade the Bush administration to reverse its tentative decision to stop the tentative

"It's been disapproved," the Post quoted a State Department official as saying last week. "It's dead."

An administration official said the US move, which would prevent US firms MB Dynamics and Wyle Labs from selling the equipment, was based on longstanding American policies aimed at thwarting Third World missile proliferation.

The issue was complicated by the disagreement within several US agencies about the CAVCTS system.

In a related development, administration officials said the White House also has opposed reported French-led European offers of advanced American rocket technology to Brazil.

IRA bomb squad held in Paris

PARIS, July 17. (Reuter): A suspected Irish Republican Army (IRA) bomb squad apparently preparing to attack British targets in West Germany has been arrested in France, police said today.

The two men and one woman were seized at a toll on the motorway from Paris to Saarbruecken on Friday as they tried to flee from French agents.

Police said the three, at least two of whom were of British nationality, were carrying false identity papers.

A tip-off from British police who arrested a couple last week in a ferry in Northern Ireland led the French to an address in Paris at which they found detonators, bomb-timers, Balaclava masks and boiler-suits.

Police traced the three to a holiday cottage in eastern France and had been watching them when the suspects tried to escape to West Germany in a hired car with West German plates.

Police sources said it appeared the IRA was using such hideouts as bases from which to attack British Army of the Rhine units based in the Federal Republic.

IRA guerrilla units have carried out a number of attacks on British military bases in West Germany. One British soldier was killed in an IRA bomb blast in Hanover on July 2.

British intelligence has been on alert for a wave of IRA attacks to mark the 20th anniversary next month of Britain's decision to despatch troops to Northern Ireland to quell sectarian violence.

Rajiv, Benazir clash

N-arms, Glacier sour summit talks



Rajiv and Benazir, address a news conference in Islamabad. (Reuter wirephoto)

Opposition readies Gandhi grill

Smoking 'gun' heads list

NEW DELHI, July 17. (UPI): Opposition parties today finalised their strategy for what could be the last Parliament session before general elections, saying they would raise a host of issues that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi has allegedly failed to resolve.

Opposition leaders released a list of 26 topics on which they said they intended to grill Rajiv and his ruling Congress (I) Party when India's bicameral legislature opens its three-week "monsoon" session tomorrow.

At the top of the list was the continuing controversy over a 1986 \$1.3 billion field gun sale by Sweden's Bofors arms company to India that was allegedly secured with the payment of kickbacks to high-ranking government officials.

The other topics on the list ranged from the domestic economy to the presence of Indian troops in Sri Lanka.

The list indicated the issues that the opposition plans to highlight in its campaign to unseat Rajiv in general elections that must be held before the end of the year.

"The failures have been all around and this is the worst government since independence," declared Lal Krishan Advani, the president of the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party and a member of the upper house, or Rajya Sabha.

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"This session will be the last parliament session for Rajiv Gandhi's government," he said, explaining that he believed the elections would be called before the legislature has a chance to hold its regular winter meeting in November.

The opposition strategy conclave was attended by the leaders of almost all the opposition parties in Parliament.

Newspapers have predicted a stormy session, with opposition and Congress (I) Party members clashing over India's foreign policy, the Bofors scandal, mounting overseas debts, the partisan use of the government-owned television and radio and the continued violence in Punjab state.

"India's deteriorating relations with its neighbours will be highlighted in the house," said Madhava Reddy, the leader of the Telugu Desam Party in the lower house, or Lok Sabha.

He was referring to Gandhi's refusal to accede to a Sri Lankan demand for an Indian troops withdrawal from the island's Tamil-dominated northeast by July 29 and a trade embargo imposed on landlocked Nepal.

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majorities in both houses of Parliament when he was elected in December 1984.

China cracks down on Muslim unrest

BEIJING, July 17. (Reuter): A Chinese court sentenced 10 men to prison terms ranging from a year to life for their part in a riot over a book considered insulting to Islam, a report reaching Beijing today said.

The men were accused of crimes including robbery, sabotage and defacing property after crowds attacked Communist Party and government offices in Urumqi, capital of west China's Xinjiang region, on May 19, a radio report monitored by the BBC said.

Muslims demonstrated in Beijing and other Chinese cities in May against a book called "Sexual Customs" which they said insulted Islam.

Authorities banned the book after the protests, which were overshadowed by the country's pro-democracy demonstrations,

but said "evildoers" in Urumqi had used it as a pretext to stage a "counter-revolution riot."

The local radio report said Ma Youtu and others had plotted and organised the Urumqi unrest. Ma was sentenced to life imprisonment and nine others to terms of between one and 15 years for offences during the riot.

The unrest triggered by the book, which dwelt on the supposed sexual behaviour of China's ethnic minorities, has become one of the many "misfits" now officially blamed on China's sacked Communist party chief Zhao Ziyang.

At a meeting of the standing committee of the National People's Congress this month, legislator Mamtoor Kurban from Xinjiang said "Sexual Customs" was the product of "bourgeois liberalisation."

No deaths or sickness attributable to the injections have been reported among the 157,000 ethnic Turks to have crossed into Turkey since mid-May.

Turkish health officials said the team took blood samples from several refugees in Ankara who claimed they had received injections.

Probe 'on injections'

ANKARA, July 17. (Reuter): Israel will not intervene to prevent Iraq delivering short-range missiles to Christian-led forces fighting Syrian troops in Lebanon, the commander of the Israeli Air Force said today.

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Iran in talks with Kurds

ATHENS, July 17. (UPI): Iran said today it was holding discussions for a peaceful end to the Kurdish rebellion in its north-western region where a leading Kurdish politician was killed in Vienna last week.

Teheran radio, quoting a statement issued by the Iranian Embassy in Vienna, said "elements who considered the results of these discussions might be against their illicit interests" were responsible for the murder.

The radio, monitored in Athens, was referring to the murder in Vienna last week of Abdur Rehman Qasemli, 59, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran, along with a close aide, Abdullah Ghaderi-Azar, 37, the KDPI representative in Europe.

The third Kurd killed in the attack was identified as Dr Fazel Rasoul.

Bomb explodes in uninhabited area in Makkah, causes no casualties or damage

RIYADH, July 17. (Agencies): A bomb exploded in Makkah today and sources said the blast, the third in Islam's holiest city in one week, caused no casualties or damage.

An unnamed official security source, in a statement carried by the official Riyadh Radio, said a blast occurred at 1 am (2200 GMT Sunday) in an uninhabited area on Mount Qubais.

The Saudi Press Agency quoted a Saudi Interior Ministry security source as saying the "limited explosion" was on a "piece of land" near the Grand Mosque.

The agency, said Saudi authorities had "immediately adopted the necessary measures to investigate the incident."

The official report did not say what caused the blast, but other sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was a bomb.

They said it was a crude device, similar to the two that exploded last Monday, one on a road leading to the Grand Mosque and another on an overpass.

Such bombs, they added, are designed to cause loud bangs but little damage.

The two explosions last week killed a Pakistani

pilgrim and wounded 16 other worshippers at the height of the pilgrimage season. They went off early in the night, while pilgrims still were awake, offering prayers or visiting the Kaaba, the holy shrine within the Grand Mosque.

Some two million Muslims gathered in Makkah for this year's pilgrimage, which culminated on Thursday with Eid Al Adha, or feast of sacrifice.

On Monday, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims still were in the holy city awaiting return flights home.

Saudi authorities made no accusations after last

week's explosions, but there has been speculation Iran was behind them.

No arrests have been made, but sources say several people have been questioned.

Iran boycotted this year's haj, or pilgrimage, to protest a quota system imposed by the Saudis to curb the number of pilgrims to Makkah and Medina.

It was the second year that Iran has stayed away from haj as the Saudis insisted on limiting its quota to 45,000 pilgrims or less than one-third the contingent it had sent in previous years.

US celebrates Moon landing

Apollo 11 crewmates mark 20th anniversary

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, July 17, (AP): The first men from Earth to travel to another celestial body relived yesterday that moment 20 years ago when they blasted off for the Moon.

"Five... four... three... two... one... zero... we have liftoff," said the recorded voice of a launch commentator as Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins listened attentively to a tape of the final minutes of their countdown to launch.

The tape reached "liftoff" at 9:32 am,

the precise time the three began their mission on July 16, 1969.

Four days later Armstrong and Aldrin cast off from the mother ship Columbia and landed on the Moon's sea of tranquility in the lunar module Eagle. After 22 hours on the surface, during which much of the world followed their every move, they launched Eagle and rejoined Collins in Columbia for the journey home.

"We can on this launch anniversary look back on those very special times and allow ourselves just a touch of pride, a

touch of satisfaction, that we were participants and witnesses to the birth of a new human era," Armstrong, Apollo 11 commander and the first man to step on the Moon, told about 6,000 flag-waving space workers and their families.

Hundreds of engineers and technicians who helped launch Apollo 11 were in the audience, and Armstrong recognised them when he equated the Moon trip to a "summer vacation... going to new places, seeing new sights, taking lots of pictures."

Aldrin said that the US Freedom Space

Station, to be assembled in orbit in the mid-1990s, should serve as a stepping stone to a manned lunar base and human flights to Mars.

He called the commitment made 28 years ago by President John F. Kennedy to the Moon landing goal "a starter's gun for our pioneering giant leap for mankind."

He called on citizens "to form a consensus, and perhaps on the 30th anniversary of Kennedy's speech... the world can know where we are going and when we will venture out again."



Mike Collins (centre) grabs the arms of his chair in a mock liftoff as a tape of the Apollo 11 launch to the moon was played. At right is Armstrong and left is Buzz Aldrin. (Reuter wirephoto)

Uno's party appears in disarray

TOKYO, July 17, (UPI): Japan's Liberal Democratic Party appeared in disarray today with some members calling for Prime Minister Sosuke Uno to resign if the party loses its majority in parliamentary elections early next week, news reports said.

Uno, who assumed the premiership on June 2 only to be embroiled in a sex scandal involving alleged relationship with geishas, told reporters in Paris he planned to stay on as prime minister until the party's annual elections in October.

Uno made the comments following the economic summit of seven Western industrialised nations.

The government-supported Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NKK) joined other media today in predicting that the conservative ruling party would lose its majority in parliament's upper house for the first time since its founding in 1955 in national elections on Sunday.

It had been widely speculated that Uno, viewed as a largely powerless caretaker, would be forced to resign immediately after the expected election defeat, to assume responsibility for the nation's growing disenchantment with the ruling party.

The governing LDP, the target of public anger over a bribery scandal and a per cent national sales tax rammed through parliament last year, demands an overwhelming majority in the powerful lower house of parliament, which determines party control of the government along with the premiership.

News reports today said a growing number of both LDP senior and junior members are joining a chorus for Uno's resignation.

China blasts world critics

Arrests to continue

BEIJING, July 17, (Agencies): China today denounced the seven leading industrialised nations for their "gross interference" in calling on Chinese authorities to stop their crackdown on participants in pro-democracy protests.

The sharp response mirrored earlier Chinese reaction to sanctions imposed by some of the seven nations, including the United States and France, after the Chinese Army crushed the pro-democracy movement June 3-4.

The government made it clear it planned to continue rounding up anyone involved in the seven weeks of protests for freedom, democratic reform and cleaner government. A report in the Communist Party newspaper, the People's Daily, said those who surrender would get lenient treatment.

"All hesitation is useless," it said. "Surrendering, thoroughly confessing (and) doing meritorious work... is the only way out for all criminals."

The Foreign Ministry expressed "great regret" over the Group of Seven statement, which it said "violates the most basic criterion of diplomatic relations."

"China absolutely cannot accept this," said the statement, read on the national television news.

The newspaper also said political activists plotted the events that forced the military crackdown in Beijing and that for at least one of them bloodshed was the goal.

"As early as 1986 the well-

known Fang Lizhi was crying out for people to 'take action' and 'poke' the government and Communist Party," the newspaper said.

"In 1987 and 1988 he was frequently calling for people to use extreme measures to seize democracy."

Fang, China's most prominent dissident, has taken refuge in the US embassy to avoid a crackdown that has led to the arrest of more than 2,500 people officially and many more according to Chinese sources and Western diplomats.

The newspaper also quoted student leader Chai Ling—who is on a list of 21 most wanted activists—as telling American reporters: "Many of my classmates ask me what is the next step. I cannot tell them but the next step is bloodshed."

The 53-year-old astrophysicist has been called "the scourge of Chinese intellectuals" by Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin.

The People's Daily also published a commentary in its overseas edition attacking Fang Lizhi's wife, Li Shuxian, accusing her of opposing the party and socialism.

A Western diplomat commented: "They (the authorities) have been developing this theme of how this was plotted by a small group."

"They've had to explain why they sent the People's Liberation Army in. This is the next logical stage — those behind it were plotting counter-revolution all along so they must have wanted Communism."

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Korean charged as spy

SEOUL, South Korea, July 17, (AP): In one of the most serious such cases in South Korean history, a national lawmaker was charged with espionage today for allegedly receiving \$120,000 over a three-year period to work for Communist North Korea.

The Agency for National Security Planning said Suh Kyung-Won, 52, was turned over today to prosecutors, who have 30 days to bring an indictment needed for trial. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

An aide of Suh, Pang Yang-Hyun, who also was charged with espionage, is accused of being a middleman in Suh's alleged transactions with the North.

In a televised news conference, the Intelligence Agency said Suh received a total of \$120,000 on 14 occasions between April 1985, when he was allegedly recruited by North Korean agents, and December 1988.

"A shocking and surprising case," said Ahn Ung-Mo, deputy director of the security agency, who presided over the news conference.

Suh, a farmer and dissident who became a member of the National Assembly for the largest opposition party, the Party for Peace and Democracy, turned himself in June 25 after reportedly first telling party leaders that he had travelled secretly to the North.

He was formally arrested June 28 on charges of violating national security laws for making an unauthorised visit to the North in August 1988 to talk with North Korean leaders about unification of the peninsula.

The South Korean government forbids citizens from making unauthorised trips to the North and maintains that dialogue on unification must be conducted through official channels.

Intelligence sources said they were concerned that Suh and the North had kept his trip secret for 10 months and that Suh had made other overseas trips.

Typhoon Gordon

HONG KONG, July 17, (AP): Typhoon Gordon, packing winds as high as 185 kilometres (115 miles) per hour, rolled toward Hong Kong today, after killing at least 12 people and leaving thousands homeless in the Philippines.

The Army was called in to move about 11,000 Vietnamese boat people from tent camps to emergency accommodations. Thousands of workers were allowed to leave work early and filled subways and buses as they attempted to get home to prepare for the storm.

India blames Sri Lanka

Impasse on troop pullout

NEW DELHI, India, July 17, (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today blamed the impasse over the withdrawal of Indian peace keeping troops in Sri Lanka on the Colombo government's refusal to negotiate the issue.

Rajiv told reporters at New Delhi's International Airport he had suggested to Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa that the two countries hold discussions to draft a timetable for the pullout.

"He has refused to talk," United News of India News Agency quoted Rajiv as saying.

"The whole way that it has been handled by the Sri Lankan government, I think, is very sloppy. It is not the way relations between the two countries should be handled," he said.

Asked about Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne's threat to expel Indian troops if they were not withdrawn by the end of the month, Gandhi said: "I hope good sense prevails."

Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa has told the Indian peace keeping force, sent to Sri Lanka two years ago to help end a Tamil separatist rebellion, to leave by the end of July.

Rajiv said that it was because of Indian Peace Keeping Forces (IPKF) that Sri Lanka was united today.

"But for the presence of IPKF, Sri-Lanka would have disintegrated long ago," Rajiv told newsmen.

He squarely blamed the Sri Lankan government for the current stalemate over IPKF withdrawal and asserted that Colombo can not "backtrack from its contractual obligation" under Indo-Sri Lankan accord.

The prime minister made his remarks on his return from a six-day tour of France, the Soviet Union and Pakistan.

Gandhi held several rounds of discussion with Pakistani Premier Benazir Bhutto during his stay in Islamabad. His visit to Islamabad was described as a major step toward normalising relations between the two neighbouring nations.

Both Gandhi and Bhutto expressed satisfaction over the result of their talks, which were held in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

The Indian and Pakistani premiers reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining the momentum of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) activities in various fields.

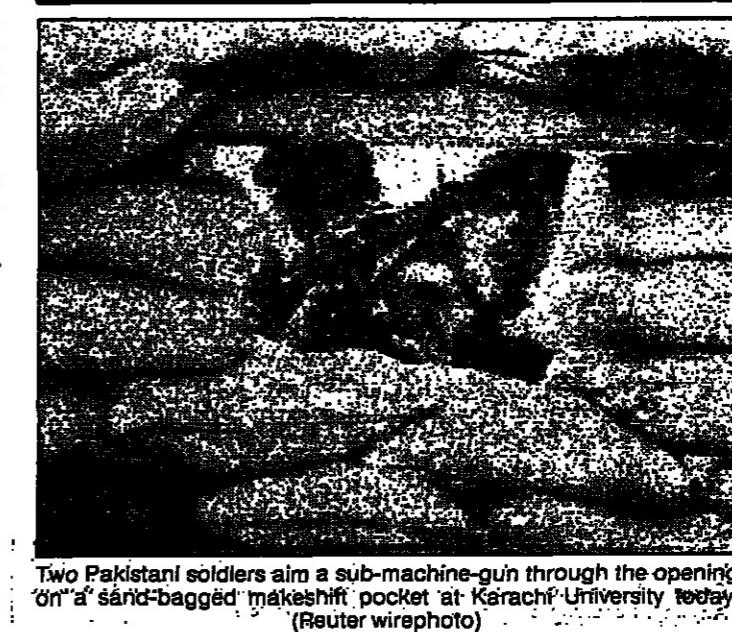
On his talks with Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Rajiv said both countries were looking for a solution to the disputed Siachen region.

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During the news conference, Benazir, however, reiterated Pakistan's contention that a plebiscite should be held in Kashmir to determine to which country residents wished to belong.

But Rajiv said that in India's view, a plebiscite was "totally out," arguing that the two sides



Two Pakistani soldiers aim a sub-machine gun through the opening on a sandbagged makeshift pocket at Karachi University today. (Reuter wirephoto)

were bound by the Simla agreement to resolve the territorial dispute through negotiations.

Answering a range of other questions, Benazir denied anew that Pakistan was arming and training Sikh extremists fighting in India's Punjab state and Rajiv reiterated his contention that India was "not acting like a bully" in south Asia.

He defended an Indian trade embargo on Nepal that was prompted by a dispute over renewing agreements on commerce and transit and the presence of India troops in northeastern Sri Lanka, where they were deployed in 1987 to enforce a plan aimed at ending a war by separatists of the ethnic Tamil minority.

"Today, the only part of Sri Lanka where law and order prevail is where the Indian peace-keeping force is," he contended.

Sri Lanka has demanded that the Indian contingent withdraw by July 31.

KAL disaster trial begins

WASHINGTON, July 17, (AP): Families of passengers killed when an off-course Korean Air Lines jet was shot down in 1983 by a Soviet fighter plane are seeking to prove in court that the airline's crew engaged in willful misconduct in connection with the shooting down of KAL Flight 007, in which all 269 passengers were killed.

The plaintiffs contend that willful misconduct by the jet's crew makes the airline liable for damages in excess of the \$75,000 per-passenger limit normally permitted under international agreement.

The International Civil Aviation Organisation concluded Flight 007 had been off course for nearly 5 1/2 hours before it was destroyed by the Soviets for intruding into their airspace.

The US government said the plane was lost due to a navigational mistake and that its pilot did not know he was over Soviet territory. The Soviet Union contends the plane intentionally flew its course because it was on a spying mission to photograph sensitive military installations.

The jumbo jet was flying from New York to Seoul, South Korea, when a Soviet military jet tracking the Boeing 747 attacked it over Sakhalin island, a site of Soviet military installations.

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'Miracle' pilot embarrassed by intense scrutiny

HOLLYWOOD, Florida, July 17, (AP): One of Thomas Roor's first questions for his relatives was whether his 800-mile (1,280-kilometre) flight while unconscious, crash and rescue at sea had made the news.

Indeed, it was all over the news, but now the news is all over the fast-track lifestyle of a Washington lawyer whose legal and financial affairs are under minute scrutiny.

"I'm shocked. I can't understand why this story has blown up, beyond the admittedly unusual circumstances, to end up being a front-page story like this," Roor said in an interview published in today's editions of the Washington Post.

Roor, interviewed at his bedside at Hollywood's Memorial Hospital, where he was in stable condition, asserted again that he had not attempted to commit suicide, despite an unexplained gunshot wound to the abdomen that he apparently suffered during the flight.

"I don't think I have the ability, nerve or stupidity to take another life — mine or anyone else's," Roor told the newspaper.

He said he did not know what had caused him to try to commit suicide, but confirmed federal investigators' account of his losing oxygen,

NEWS IN BRIEF

Official talks

MOSCOW, July 17, (KUNA): Soviet-Philippine talks began here today between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Raul Manglapus.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, did not disclose further information on the contents of the talks but said that the Filipino official arrived here yesterday on an official visit at the invitation of the Soviet government.

A Soviet official spokesman said last week that Manglapus's visit will result in signing an agreement on technical and cultural co-operation between Moscow and Manila.

Boat capsizes

DHAKA, July 17, (Reuter): At least 60 people have been reported missing since a boat capsized in the Jamuna river, north of Bangladesh's capital Dhaka, newspapers said today.

They said the boat overturned and sank in the river after being caught in a whirlpool. Most passengers were swept away by strong currents.

Police said they were investigating the delayed report about the July 11 accident but had yet to confirm it.

AIDS test

SINGAPORE, July 17, (KUNA): The Singapore government is considering AIDS tests for foreign workers who intend to work here.

"We are working on it (the proposal) along with other ministries like Home Affairs," a Health Ministry spokesman said today.

Several countries, including China, Austria, West Germany and Belgium, require long-term foreign visitors to be tested for AIDS.

India requires AIDS tests for foreigners who stay in the country for more than six months.

Undersea volcano

TOKYO, July 17, (AP): Japan's coast guard continued its offshore surveillance southwest of Tokyo today, five days after an undersea volcano shot plumes of steam and smoke into the air.

Scientists also said a careful watch must be maintained to detect more eruptions.

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Designer drug 'ecstasy' destroys nerve cells, scientists say

NEW YORK, July 17. (UPI): Preliminary results from the first human study of the effects of MDMA, popularity known as "ecstasy" show evidence the drug causes neurological damage but found no signs of resulting behavioural problems, researchers reported recently.

The findings could lead to important clues about causes of depression and impulsive behaviour, said neurologist

George Ricaurte, M.D., of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore.

Ricaurte led a research team that examined 38 volunteers who had used MDMA, a so-called "designer" drug hybrid of the hallucinogen mescaline and the stimulant amphetamine that is having a resurgence of popularity among college-age youth.

Preliminary results of the first

human study of MDMA were presented Thursday at the end of a Manhattan conference on the neuropharmacology of serotonin, sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences.

Earlier published studies using monkeys and rodents have shown MDMA destroys certain nerve cells in the brain that produce serotonin, which is thought to help regulate mood, pain, perception, sleep, appetite, aggression

and sexual activity. However, because not all chemicals affect humans the same way they affect animals, scientists did not know whether humans who used MDMA were at risk from toxic effects.

Each subject in Ricaurte's study showed a 25 per cent to 30 per cent reduction in 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid (5-HIAA) in cerebral spinal fluid — indicating a reduction in brain levels

of serotonin, which metabolizes into 5-HIAA — compared to 24 "control" subjects who did not use the drug.

The non-control volunteers ranged from 22 years to 70 years of age (the mean age was 37) and had a history of extensive use of MDMA.

He emphasized that the study did not control for differences in diet, activity and other variables that might influence 5-HIAA levels. A new study is

under way, with results expected in about a year.

Puzzling to the scientists was the apparent good health of the drug-using participants.

"In our cohort of MDMA subjects, as a group, they are not showing clinical evidence of depression," said Ricaurte, who described participants as of "above average intelligence" and motivated by their interest in the drug.



Passing the hat

THE Duchess of York is given a cap along with numerous scarfs while greeting some of the 10,000 scouts during a visit to their jamboree Sunday in Amherst Prince Edward's Island. The Duchess was covered with scarfs from the different groups from across Canada and the world. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

NEW YORK: Former US President Richard Nixon plans for the first time to describe in detail his experiences in resigning the presidency and his life in retirement in an autobiography due this spring.

"It is the most personal book I have ever written," Nixon, 76, said in a statement.

Sixties and Schuster the publisher, would not disclose terms of the contract, but said it plans a first printing of at least 200,000 and a major marketing campaign.

It will contain accounts of Nixon's meetings with world leaders and advice about running for office, winning and governing. It also will discuss the drug, crisis and education issues, the publisher said. (AP).

MEXICO CITY: Cuban Poet Nicolás Guillén, who introduced the rhythms of African and Latin music into verse and was one of Latin America's best known writers, has died at age 87, Cuba's official news agency announced.

The man known as Cuba's "national poet" died yesterday in Cuba after a long illness that resulted in the amputation last month of his left leg. Prensa Latina said.

The agency said Guillén also had suffered from advanced arteriosclerosis and Parkinson's disease.

Guillén's work celebrated Cuba's multi-racial and ethnic mix as well as the 1959 communist revolution that brought Fidel Castro to power. For more than 25 years he was director of Cuba's union of writers and artists. (AP).

BOSSIER CITY, Louisiana: The new conference at the fire station was supposed to be about mosquito control, but the buzz in the crowd was not caused by the pest insects.

"Is that a naked lady over there or is there something wrong with my eyes?" asked Mayor George Deane, departing from prepared remarks Thursday after spotting a woman walking by wearing only a purple sweatband on her head.

Police said Patricia L. Toney, 25, had been released from city jail after Thursday afternoon after being booked for public drunkenness, and she was walking home when she decided to hide in the rain.

They persuaded her to wrap herself in the city-issued robe she was wearing and she was taken home.

Ms. Toney has been arrested before on similar charges, police said. (AP).

PRINCE RAINIER of Monaco was quoted today as saying he was so haunted by memories of Princess Grace that he could never marry again.

The 66-year-old ruler, who lost his wife in a car crash in 1982, was quoted in a new book as saying: "I have a wonderful family and I had a wonderful marriage. And everywhere I go is so filled with memories of Grace."

Prince Rainier was devastated by the death of Grace Kelly, the Hollywood actress he married in 1956.

Asked about the possibility of remarrying, he told author Jeffrey Robinson in the book *Rainier and Grace*: "I see Grace wherever I go. Anyway, I couldn't do it because it would be very difficult for my children. So I won't."

Prince Rainier also squelched persistent rumours of a romance with German-born society-figure princess Ira Von Fürstenberg. (Reuter).

HAMBURG, New York: Hamburg residents were ready to celebrate the 104th anniversary of the "birth of the burger," but there was a sizzling debate on the true origin of that most American of meals.

Seymour Wisconsin, boosters spun the hamburgers' claim that the meat patty was first served in this Buffalo, New York, suburb at the 1885 Erie County fair by entrepreneurs Francis and Charles Menches.

Dick Tepp, organiser of a 100th anniversary celebration for the burger in Seymour on August 5, says he can prove the hamburger was first fried and sold by Charles Nagreen at the Utzamile County fair in 1889.

"We've done a lot of research, and we have factual, hard evidence — pictures, newspaper clippings and even a living descendant," Tepp says.

SEYMOUR, Wisconsin: There wasn't much mention of Michael Milken's upcoming fraud and insider trading trial when he spoke Friday in San Diego at a minority business conference co-sponsored by the commerce department. Milken, who made \$550 million one year as head of Drexel Burnham's junk bond division, was described in the conference's programme as being "instrumental in the development and marketing of a wide range of innovative financial instruments, which have provided more than \$120 billion in growth capital to companies in virtually every industry in America." In his address, Milken criticised the government for not giving enough support to small businesses and minority entrepreneurs. Hispanic leaders have praised Milken's philanthropies, administered by his Milken family foundation, and his support for minority businesses, including \$600 million in loans to two Hispanic television networks. (UPI).

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: A leading New Zealand mountain safety expert was killed yesterday by an avalanche on the nation's highest mountain, police said today.

David McNulty, 36, died after being buried by the avalanche of the upper reaches of snow-covered Mount Cook, New Zealand's highest.

McNulty was leading a helicopter-ski party of three Japanese skiers and an American when the avalanche struck.

A police spokesman said McNulty was hit while checking a ski run for the party. His body was found by the others buried under a metre (yard) of snow. No one else was hurt. (AP).

MILLAS, Texas: Jerry Hall, Mick Jagger's live-in friend, insists their children get an occasional look at the side open spaces she knew from her childhood in Mesquite.

The 33-year-old actress and model says she brings 5-year-old Elizabeth, son Jagger and 3-year-old Leroy Jagger to Texas from their home in England five or six times a year.

Ms. Hall, who has a supporting role in the hit movie "Batman," was in Dallas this week to introduce a line of swimwear she designed. The children are along.

"It's nice to be out in wide open spaces with the beautiful skies, riding waves and having fun," Hall said. In England, they go to school and they're always confined. ... I also want them to know part of where I'm from. They're still Texan, and I want to be sure they know it." (AP).

Alleluia

Rev. George A. Stallings Jr sings as he celebrates Mass at his "Amani Temple" Sunday in Washington. Stallings has launched his own African-American congregation threatening to lead the first exodus from mainstream US Catholicism in nearly 100 years. (Reuter wirephoto).

Explorers plan trek across bottom of the world

INDIANAPOLIS, July 17. (AP): A team of international explorers is about to embark on a trans-antarctic trek of dog-sleds, ready to brave bleak sun, frigid cold and the bitterest winds nature dish out.

The team is led by Will Steger of the United States Jean-Louis Etienne of France. Other members Soviet scientist Victor Boyarsky, Englishman Tim Somers, Keizo Funatsu of Japan and Qin He of China.

He team left yesterday from Minneapolis and a Soviet transport plane en route to Antarctica carrying 42 dogs and about six tonnes of

Equipment

After several stops in Latin America, their seven-month, 4,000-mile (6,500 kilometres) trip across the bottom of the world is to begin Aug. 1, weather permitting. The team hopes the gruelling journey from west to east will rivet attention on international co-operation, as well as the continent's stark fragility.

At the same time, Steger, 44, wants to pursue a dream he has fostered for years: to conquer the world's most forbidding frontier.

"I've travelled north for so many years now, and I've been drawn to these areas," said Steger. "It's

the frontier, it's the white spots on the maps, the adventure and the exhilaration of travelling in those unknown places that draws me."

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Wells: missing

Missing man may be in US

LONDON, July 17 (AP): A security guard who disappeared after collecting nearly one million pounds (more than \$1 million) in cash may be in the United States, police said early today.

Scotland Yard, the London police headquarters, said it was investigating the possibility that Philip Cedric Wells, 46, had gone to the United States. He was reported to have a wife there, an American whose maiden name was Wanda Sherwood and who had been living in Jacksonville, Florida.

A Yard spokeswoman said Wells' passport had not been found after a search of his belongings but she could not confirm press reports that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been alerted to look out for him.

Police said Wells had an open round-trip ticket to the United States and may have flown the same day after he collected the money at London's Heathrow Airport on Friday.

Press reports said Wells met his 25-year-old American wife while vacationing in Florida and that he introduced her to friends in England.

Wells worked for a small London security company, Chalmers Security Systems Ltd., and packed up 923,000 pounds (\$1.48 million) from an incoming Portuguese aircraft at London's Heathrow International Airport. He was scheduled to deliver the money to an air freight warehouse at the airport but he never showed up.

The money, belonging to the Thomas Cook Travel Agency, was mostly in used Portuguese escudos, packed in nine shoe box-sized packages in gray canvas sacks.

Wells' van was found two miles (three kilometers) from the airport yesterday. Inside was about 5,000 pounds (\$4,000) in British cash, in pay packets Wells was supposed to deliver to his colleagues.

His own pay packet of 200 pounds (\$322 million) was missing, which led police to speculate he might have been abducted after picking it out.

Karajan 'irreplaceable'

Austrian maestro mourned

VIENNA, Austria, July 17. (Agencies): Herbert von Karajan, the brilliant Austrian maestro and long-time conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic, is dead at age 81.

Karajan died at 1:30 pm (1130 GMT) yesterday at his home in Anif, a town just outside Salzburg, said Albert Moser, the president of The Salzburg Festival.

Austrian television said the cause of death was heart failure.

Karajan had long been ill and severe back pain made it difficult for him to walk unaided to the podium.

As recently as Saturday Karajan attended rehearsals as he had done regularly over the past several weeks for Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Un Ballo in Maschera" (A Masked Ball), with which he was to open the festival on July 27.

Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said the music world had lost "one of its very greatest."

Moser told Austrian TV that the festival's loss "for a long time to come will be irreplaceable."

The study said the crux of the problem appears to be that cancer is often detected much later in the poor than in more well-to-do patients. Cancer survival usually is much better if the malignancy is detected in its early stages and promptly treated.

The Cancer Society estimates about 178,000 people with cancer probably will die in 1989 who might have been saved by earlier diagnosis and treatment. "These hearings provided substantial evidence that many of these needless deaths will occur among the poor," the report said.

Inadequacies

The 33-page study said reasons for late detection may include poor people's lower awareness of cancer warning signs and their lack of money to pay for care. But it added the problem "is also a reflection of the inadequacies of the health care system ... which encourages patients to wait until their health problems are virtually unbearable before seeking care."

At one hearing, Dr David Ansell, of Chicago's Cook County Hospital, told of how poor cancer patients are frequently "dumped" at his facility when other doctors or hospitals learn they have no money.

Ansell said one cancer patient arrived at the hospital's general medicine clinic with a note, addressed "to whom it may concern," describing her condition in a single paragraph.

"There's no phone call, no chart, no medical records ... this scenario is repeated daily," Ansell said.

The hearings also highlighted the problems poor cancer patients may face in motivating themselves to fight the disease.

Esther Lefever, a community activist in Atlanta, told of one poor cancer patient whose insurance ran out and was told to apply for Medicaid, which meant she would have to take a lien on her house.

"She told them (authorities) she wanted to leave the house to her children free and clear and she would rather die than do that. Two months later she was dead," Lefever said.

Difficulties

And the difficulties may continue even if the battle against cancer has been won.

In her testimony, Theresa Hicks of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, said: "Of course, you are ecstatic that you're still alive ... but the quality of life that you have to live when you are financially strapped almost makes you wish that you hadn't."

Kathleen Horsch, head of the American Cancer Society's board, said her organisation has committed \$2.8 million in seed money for pilot projects to deliver cancer prevention and detection services to the poor. Such efforts include mobile units to provide free mammography screening to poor women.



Karajan is shown in an undated file photo. (Reuter wirephoto)

Laureate says critics lie about him

NEW YORK, July 17, (AP): Nobel laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn, breaking a long silence, says he's amazed when people give him and his books labels such as antisemitic, chauvinistic, xenophobic and nationalistic.

"It is quite extraordinary the extent to which have been lied about," he said in his first major American interview in 10 years, which appears in the July 24 issue of Time.

"Some people distort things consciously, others just don't take the trouble to check their sources," he said. "It is remarkable, and it makes me ashamed of journalists. No one ever gives any quotes."

Red Cross builds up trust in torture victims

MALMO, Sweden, July 17, (Reuter): At a Red Cross centre at Malmo the doctors don't wear white coats and there are no medical appliances to be seen. This is because all the patients here are torture victims.

The atmosphere at the centre is calm and friendly, as staff listen to the anguished outpourings of the victims, share their torment and offer help.

"We aim to reaffirm some caring,

human values to people who have been treated more like animals," said Rosie Rothstein, head of the Red Cross Rehabilitation Centre for torture victims in southern Sweden.

"We try to build up trust so the patients aren't afraid to tell us anything. They realise we will have heard most of it before," she told Reuters in an interview.

She sees the workers at the Red Cross

centre as open containers to which the patients can pour all the horrors they have experienced, and which most people find too appalling to contemplate.

Besides severe pain, touring means degradation, humiliation, the constant threat of assault and the loss of control.

"While they might be afraid of medical authority, many patients trust the Red Cross, having met Red Cross workers in prison or refugee camps,"

Rothstein said.

The centre took its first patients in August 1988 from among the thousands of refugees who seek political asylum in Sweden every year.

It currently has 60 patients undergoing treatment, the youngest a 17-year-old girl.

Rothstein says many of the patients come from South America, including Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia and El

Salvador.

"The people who come to us are people with very strong resources. They have survived the torturer's cell, they don't commit suicide—not an uncommon result of torture—and they have fled their homelands in danger of their lives. Now they are attempting to build new lives as refugees," she said.

"We try to find out what kept them alive and strengthen those resources."

"Sometimes it gets difficult, like when you hear a 27-year-old tell you how the military burnt his wife and kids. You hear such awful evil things that it's hard to imagine the world can be so bad," said Rothstein.

"The important thing is we don't have to pretend not to be affected, we can cry if we want. And on the other hand our work is very rewarding," she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jumped to death

PARIS, July 17, (KUNA): A 31-year-old German tourist killed himself this morning by jumping from one of the towers of the Notre-Dame Cathedral, one of the highly visited places in Paris, in front of the Seine River.

The young man, who fell in the square next to the cathedral, died on the spot, the police said.

This is the second suicide case in less than a month at Notre-Dame after that of June 26 when another desperate man jumped from one of the towers killing himself and the 13-year-old girl on whom he had fallen.

Strike deepens

WARSAW, July 17, (Reuter): A row between Jews and Roman Catholics over a cemetery at Auschwitz has deepened, with Jewish radicals staging new protests against its presence and demanding a Polish cardinal resign.

For the second time in three days, Rabbi Avraham Weiss of Riverdale, New York, and four followers climbed over a fence of the cemetery beside the wall of the former Nazi death camp yesterday.

Swede killed

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 17, (AP): Police killed a 39-year-old man who started shooting at passers-by from his home in a northern town, a police spokesman said today.

The man, whose name was withheld, barricaded himself in a cellar yesterday in Kalix, about 600 miles (1,000 kilometres) north of Stockholm, and fired indiscriminately at passers-by with a shotgun, said Rolf Styrfors of the Kalix police.

"Two policemen received light bullet wounds during the shooting, which continued almost 24 hours," said Styrfors.

Peace talks

KINSHASA, Zaire, July 17, (AP): Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko met with delegations from both sides in Angola's civil war yesterday, clearing the way for direct talks to resume on Wednesday, an Angolan spokesman said.

Angolan Foreign Minister Pedro de Castro van Dunem announced the resumption of talks that were suspended when his government accused Jonas Savimbi's guerrillas of violating a ceasefire.

New newspaper

ISTANBUL, July 17, (Reuter): Turkey's first new English-language daily to open since 1961 hit the streets today, aimed at the country's growing expatriate business community and the diplomatic corps, its editor-in-chief said.

The Istanbul-based Turkish Times will concentrate on economic and business news but will also cover local and world affairs, Ayhan Schiffman told Reuters.

The paper, with an initial circulation of 15,000, sells for 1,000 lira (47 cents) a copy.

Landmine kills 3

KASTANEA, Greece, July 17, (AP): Three Turks of Kurdish descent were killed by a landmine yesterday after crossing into Greece illegally, police said.

Apparently they intended to ask for asylum in Greece," said a police spokesman in the border village of Kastanea.

The accident occurred at dawn shortly after the two men and a woman crossed the Evros river separating Greece from Turkey.

A police spokesman said the three ignored signs warning of a minefield.

Grenade attack

MANAGUA, July 17, (UPI): A man hurled a grenade into a food stall yesterday, killing one person and wounding at least 30 others just three days before the 10th anniversary of the Sandinista Revolution, official radio reports said.

Authorities denied that the grenade attack was politically motivated.

The blast before dawn at a town market in Ciudad Sandino, 6 miles (10 km) west of the capital, killed Juan Antonio Murillo, 42, official Voz de Nicaragua radio said.

35 feared dead

QUITO, July 17, (Reuter): Up to 35 people were feared dead and about 30,000 people were homeless following floods and landslides this week caused by heavy rains in the Ecuadorian Amazon jungle, a civil defence spokesman said yesterday.

The heavy rainfall also caused a landslide which damaged the country's main oil pipeline, leading to a suspension in exports of crude oil from Ecuador, an OPEC member nation.

Abkhazia violence

MOSCOW, July 17, (Reuter): Soviet Army units struggling to restore order in the Black Sea resort city of Sukhumi acted as a buffer today between crowds of rival Georgians and Abkhazians who clashed over the weekend, killing 14 people.

Officials said the unrest in Sukhumi, the regional capital of Abkhazia, had spread to almost every district in the region, an autonomous republic within Soviet Georgia, although there were no immediate reports of casualties.

"There have been no further clashes in Sukhumi, but Army units are keeping crowds of Georgians and Abkhazians apart in the city," Abkhazia radio and television chief Shamil Pilia told Reuters by telephone.

Pilia said some incidents had been reported near the airport just outside Sukhumi and around the towns of Gagra, Gudauta and Ochamchire. But he added, "We have no reports of any casualties."

Insult paves way to EP

Racial attack

ROME, July 17, (Reuter): Seven months ago Dacia Valent was racially insulted and attacked in a petrol station near Palermo.

Today, as a direct result, she is a member of the European Parliament.

Valent, daughter of an Italian diplomat and a Somali princess, "even if that doesn't mean much" — has been catapulted from the tough, obscure life of a black policewoman, into European Parliament.

Valent, 27, was elected with 75,000 preference votes in central Italy and 73,500 in the northeast, the third most successful candidate on the lists of the opposition Communist Party in both areas although she is not a party member.

None of this would have happened if a drunken Italian had not made obscene remarks, then insulted her and finally attacked her in the petrol station.

The Communist Party would never have chosen me as a candidate if it were not for the fact that I had become a symbol," said Valent.

"I feel really terrified, I am an outsider, a policewoman who for accidental reasons finds herself in the European Parliament, and this is something that I may never shake off," she told Reuters in an interview.

Italy has no large black community from former colonies and this delayed the advent of a serious race problem until the 1980s, when immigrants began to arrive in significant numbers.

"Today it is very different. They come because of the need to work, they cling on with teeth and nails and the alternative is often to see their children grow or not grow with their stomachs swollen," Valent said.

She has close and tragic experience of how serious racism has become in the last decade with the arrival of more than a million foreign workers, the vast majority illegal.

In 1985, her teen-age brother was stabbed to death by two school mates after racist threats in the northeast city of Udine, where her family lives.

On Jan. 3 this year Valent, wearing plain clothes, drove into a service station in Sicily with three fellow policemen.

She called her companions to help her against the drunken Italian who spat in her face and punched her when she identified herself as a policewoman, but they refused to arrest him or check his papers, pushing her into the car and driving off.

"They didn't think it was important and he got more violent because he would see they were a walk-over. I appealed to



US vows to improve ties with Moscow

LEIDEN, Netherland, July 17, (UPI): People who use chewing tobacco and snuff appear to get as much nicotine as cigarette smokers, and the practice may also increase their risk for heart disease and various forms of cancer, researchers reported.

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Bush, Fahd to discuss Lebanon

EIRUT, July 17: The Kuwaiti "aily," Al Seyassah, has learned at political moves to break the deadlocked peace talks between King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and US President George Bush scheduled in Washington on July 7.

Reliable political sources in Eirut told Al Seyassah that King Fahd, who along with King Hassan of Morocco and Nigerian President Chadi Benjedid are members of the Arab tripartite committee charged with finding a solution to the Lebanese crisis, will seek during his talks with Bush to reach a US-Syrian agreement.

The sources noted that the main reason for not implementing the Casablanca Summit resolutions on Lebanon is continued differences between Washington and Damascus over solving the Lebanese crisis which has been deepened by the uproar over "Frog-7" surface-to-surface missiles which Iraq reportedly sent to General Michel Aoun's Christian Army troops.

However, the sources expected King Fahd's talks in Washington to succeed in narrowing the US-Syrian differences over the Lebanese crisis and consequently in speeding up the implementation of the summit resolutions on Lebanon.

AP adds: Syrian and Christian Army gunners traded tank and artillery fire in Beirut and its surroundings today, killing one person and wounding 15, police said.

Artillery explosions jolted both sides of the divided capital at dawn was the confrontation between the Syrian Army and about 20,000 troops dragged on with no solution in sight.

Today's casualties raised the overall toll to 419 killed and 1,688 wounded since the current cycle in the 14-year-old civil war erupted March 8.

Civilians huddled in basements and underground shelters as Christian and Syrian gunners showered the city and nearby hills with howitzers, mortars and tank fire.

The exchanges started when Syrian batteries deployed in Muslim West Beirut, outside Ein El-Mreisseh Boulevard fired on the coast of north of Beirut, maintaining a sea blockade to prevent fuel, food and arms supplies from reaching the beleaguered Christian enclave by sea.

Spokesman for Aoun's command said Syrian gunboats that had been patrolling the 28-mile (45-kilometre) Christian coastline have withdrawn to a point nine miles (15 kilometres) beyond territorial waters.

Beirut's independent daily newspaper *Al Nahar* said the pullback apparently was designed to avert a naval confrontation with Israeli units that regularly cruise the Mediterranean off Lebanon.

The security deterioration over the weekend coincided with the formation of an Iranian-sponsored front comprising Muslim and leftist militias as well as Palestinian groups supported by Syria to confront the right-wing Christians.

The alliance calls for the ouster of Aoun, backed by Iraq.

"It's an appalling tragedy"

Tribal wars escalate

KHARTOUM, Sudan, July 17, (AP): Western Sudan's tribal wars are being fought on camelback with spears. In recent years machine guns and off-road vehicles have escalated the conflicts to a level approaching civil war.

Thousands have died in these little-known conflicts, which have been fought alongside a full-scale civil war in the south between the Muslim-dominated national government and an animist population.

Dozens of villages have been burned, women and children killed and crops destroyed in tribal skirmishes involving the non-Arab Muslim Fur tribe and marauding Arab nomads.

The conflict has been compounded by the availability of machine guns sold by fighting troops from Chad and Libya, a rise in banditry and the loss of arable land to encroaching deserts.

"It has been an appalling tragedy," a Western diplomat said. "There has been an enormous loss of life among the Fur. Thousands and thousands of cattle, goats and camels have been stolen or killed. Crops have been burned."

The area is far Western Darfur, Arabic for "home of the Fur."

About 1 million of Sudan's 22-million population belong to the Fur, one of the country's main tribes, indigenous to the Jabal Marra mountains and members of the Muslim majority.

Western relief workers said more than 100 villages have been destroyed and between 2,000 and 3,000 people killed in the range wars this year.

Of 180,000 displaced people, 15,000 desperately need food and shelter and 50,000 food only, relief workers say.

Many Fur farmers were unable to plant on schedule in June because of the hostilities.

A report for the relief organizations Oxfam and Save the Children Fund of Britain and Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) of Belgium said most villages coming under attack are no more than 500 in population. But the report said violence is widespread.

Afghan Air Force neutralises Stinger missile

MEYMANEH, Afghanistan, July 17, (AP): As the Soviet-built Mi-8 helicopter swooped down over an abandoned village, co-pilot Mohammad Younus put his fingers on the firing button.

Every mud or stone village is a potential hideout for Muslim rebels armed with Stingers, the shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that changed the course of the war with the Soviet-backed government.

"American, Stinger — Zalim" (Americans, Stingers are bad), the 22-year-old Younus murmured.

He takes his finger off the button, without firing, and speeds the helicopter to 220 kilometres (135 miles) an hour.

The threat of the missiles lingers in Younus' mind.

But the rebels and their Western backers say the Afghan Air Force has learned how to evade their chief weapon.

Younus is one of an estimated 17,000 men in the Afghan Air Force, backbone of the Afghan defence. Those forces defied

predictions of imminent collapse after the departure last February of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

At the end of a 230-kilometre (140-mile) journey to Meymaneh, capital of Faryab Province, one could see the rows of gunships, fighter bombers and transport planes parked on small airfields in the desert.

It is a rare glimpse. Kabul is secretive about disclosing much about its Air Force and only maintains that it is well-trained and equipped.

Before the end of the nine-year Soviet intervention, most foreign defence experts doubted the capability of the Air Force, which had been eclipsed by the Red Army for nine years.

But the Air Force pilots have proved themselves by helping to hold the key cities of Jalalabad, Kandahar and Khost against a rebel offensive since March.

Rebel commanders in Pakistan concede the Air Force has combined high-level bombing and sweeping ground attacks to

render the Stingers ineffective.

The 35-kilogramme (16-pound) missile, which has a maximum range of about five kilometres (three miles), tracks the heat of an aircraft's engine.

Delivered by the United States to the rebels in 1986, the Stinger took a heavy toll on Soviet and Afghan military aircraft until this year.

A recent US Army report on the Stingers concluded the Stingers had changed the course of the civil war that erupted following a Marxist coup in April 1978.

The report said the rebels had downed 269 aircraft in 340 firings, an average of about 80 per cent, extraordinary even by US standards.

But some military analysts have expressed scepticism that reliable figures could be obtained because the rebels often exaggerated their capabilities.

The Soviets eventually introduced flares, which when dropped from aircraft, can confuse a Stinger missile.

KABUL, Afghanistan, July 17, (AP): Afghan President Najib has asked the United States to stop Pakistan from aiding Muslim rebels.

"Pakistan has given a terroristic dimension to the war," Najib said in a letter to US President George Bush that was released to reporters yesterday.

Pakistan is home to the seven main US-backed rebel groups, known as the mujahideen, or Islamic holy warriors. Islamabad has denied the Kabul government's charge of direct involvement in the rebel attacks.

Najib renewed the accusation, citing Saturday's truck-bomb blast in downtown Kabul that killed at least 20 people, and July 10 rocket attacks on the city that left at least 20 people dead.

"These developments have created a serious threat to peace and stability in the region and posed a threat of a vast conflict ... indeed the future responsibility of

any such conflict will solely rest on Pakistan," Najib said.

Najib said Pakistan was ignoring its commitments to the UN-sponsored Geneva Accord of April 1988 that called for an end to outside interference in the rebel's 11-year-old effort to overthrow the Soviet-backed government in Kabul.

Following the accord, the Soviet Union ended 9 years of involvement in the civil war and withdrew its soldiers by Feb 15. But the Soviets continued to arm the Afghan government.

■ Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today said he had met with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev proposals from the United Nations for ending the decade-long war in Afghanistan.

Rajiv did not disclose the contents of the proposals but said they were incomprehensive and inadequate. He said Gorbachev had a similar reaction.

They also adopted counter-measures that took advantage of the shift from the hit-and-run rebel attacks of the past decade, to more conventional battle.

The Stingers are of no use against the Soviet-supplied Antonov-12 transport planes, which were converted to drop bombs above the range of the

Stingers. The bombing, military experts say, is to blame for as much as 50 percent of the casualties in the 5-month-old siege of Jalalabad.

Israelis blow up 2 homes

W. Bank schools to be reopened

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 17, (Agencies): Soldiers today blew up the homes of two Palestinians suspected of fatally stabbing an Israeli building contractor last Friday, the Army said.

Meanwhile, Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip observed a general strike called by underground uprising leaders to protest harsh conditions in Israeli prisons.

Shops and businesses were closed throughout the territories, and public transport was halted. More than 8,600 Palestinians currently are in detention for suspected security violations, the Army said.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced yesterday that almost half of the 1,200 schools which have been closed for most of the 19-month Palestinian uprising will be reopened at week's end.

Israeli officials said they closed schools because they consider them hotbeds of nationalist violence. Israeli radio said the Defence Ministry was under strong pressure from the United States and Europe to reopen classes.

The United Nations Relief and Works Association said West Bank schools have only completed 40 days in the current academic year.

"We hope these schools stay open so that Palestinian children do not suffer any further harm from the suspension of the learning process," UNRWA's Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli said in a statement released earlier this week from the agency's Vienna headquarters.

Hussein said Israel tried to sabotage Jordan's economy by manipulating the large pool of dinars in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

As much as one-third to one-half of Jordan's paper currency is believed held in those territories.

Under the tight circumstances, and while the Jordanian dinar remained under pressure, Jordan was forced to use "some part" of its Central Bank reserves, said Hussein.

Economic analysts in Amman said the value of the dinar also was weakened when Hussein last year severed ties with the West Bank, creating uncertainty about financial links.

Hussein said in the interview the 19-month old uprising of the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan and the Gaza Strip "has dramatically changed the picture."

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The riots in which at least nine people died and government buildings and banks were attacked in dozens of cities and villages were triggered by tight economic straits in the

kingdom.

The country was saddled by a multi-billion dollar foreign debt while retail prices spiraled and per capita income slipped by about a half in the recent years.

"I believe it is all not divorced from the Palestinian issue and from Israeli intentions and Israeli objectives, and those in Israel who say the Palestinian issue is that of a people who can get their rights ... in Jordan," Hussein said in an interview published in the Saudi Arabian daily *Asharq Al Awsat*.

The king referred in the interview to the so-called Jordan option or alternative homeland proposals advanced over the years in Israel, whereby the Palestinians should seek their desired state in the Hashemite Kingdom.

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The relationship between Jordan and the Palestinians was presently "better than it ever was, with suspicions erased about Jordan and its objectives," he said.

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 17, (AP): They call Yousif Bitar the "bomb magician."

The Lebanese demolitions specialist has defused more than 2,000 terrorist bombs during the course of a 14-year civil war.

His record appears unequalled.

At 61 years of age, he has survived a mine explosion, been shot at several times and survived three assassination attempts.

He gets a salary of \$200 a month — and free gasoline.

"If all the bombs he's defused had gone off, the death toll of the civil war would have more than doubled," said a police colonel, who declined identification. "Bitar is indispensable."

More than 150,000 people have been killed in the civil war, hundreds of them in car bombings.

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He estimates the total explosive weight of the bombs he had defused since 1975 at more than 100 tons.

A Christian, Bitar regularly defuses Lebanon's sectarian barriers, racing across Beirut's dividing green line from the Christian East to the Muslim West, dodging shells and sniper fire to do his duty.

In 1983, he dismantled the biggest bomb of his career, a device planted in West Beirut packing 600 kilograms (1,320 pounds) of dynamite and four Katyusha rockets. It could have pulverised a city block.

"That was probably the worst disaster I've prevented," he said in an interview in his elegant East Beirut penthouse apartment.

Bitar stroked his Siamese cat Rambo as he talked passionately about his exploits, gesturing with hands missing three fingertips.

Talking of his exploits seemed incongruous amid the plush Persian carpets, brass ornaments and the Oriental decor of his marble-floored apartment.

He lost one fingertip when a detonator exploded in his hands.

He lost two fingertips on the other hand in 1982 when he stepped on a mine after he had defused a bomb in a Palestinian commando base in the mountains overlooking Beirut. The blast also injured his

chest and feet.

"That cost me three months in hospital," Bitar said.

A veteran of the French Foreign Legion, who fought the Germans with Gen. Charles de Gaulle's Free French Forces in World War II, Bitar calls himself a "bomb charmer."

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two other Kurds were negotiating last Thursday with emissaries of the Iranian government at Iran's request trying to find a peaceful solution to the Kurdish problem in Iran when the three were killed.

It said that it believed "the responsibility for this massacre falls to the regime of the Islamic Republic."

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Existing health service to be upgraded

Hospitals, clinics expansion plan

THE director of the Planning and Follow-up Department at the Public Health Ministry Dr Khalifa Al Saqabi has said that the health plan for the years to come will seek to achieve a development in the quality of health services.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the upgrading of the

existing health service level could be achieved on a dual basis; the development of staff performance level and increase in the number of specialists and qualified personnel.

This included stepping up organised efforts to fight lethal infectious diseases responsible for the highest rate of mortality.

The official stressed that according to the outcome of the recent health survey, it has become incumbent to better address the treatment of high-blood-pressure causing disease, cardiovascular problems, chest diseases, diabetes and other high risk ailments.

He called for bolstering

preliminary health care services, and the family medicine system at the various ministry clinics and medical centres as a means to improving the medical service level.

Saqabi stressed the importance of developing work techniques at public and specialised hospitals, and further cultivating

educational programmes on health and food to ensure a steady rise in health awareness.

He said that the next plan would include the expansion of existing hospitals and construction of more poly-clinics, based on the outcome and recommendations of the recent health survey.



Hit, smash and run

The car pictured above was forced into a collision with another car by a hit and run fiend on the airport road, Saturday. The victim's name and nationality is yet unknown but police investigations are going on to identify the dead man and catch his killer. Photos by Ahmed Burini

Training for Kuwaitis in W. Germany

THE deputy director-general of the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Humoud Al Muda' has said that the authority agreed with the D.S.E. and G.T.Z. institutions in West Germany to train Kuwaitis in different training fields. He added that the two are government institutions and are specialised in the technical and technological co-operation with Third World.

Mudal pointed out that the authority agreed with D.S.E. (specialised in training) to train 6 Kuwaiti trainees in different specialised courses in West Germany beside organising training courses in Kuwait. The authority had expanded talks with the German institution to evaluate the curriculums of the authority. He added that the authority will experiment with training some workers for the benefit of the private sector. The authority will offer the curriculum and materials for the trainees while the private sector will be responsible for their practical training. This experiment succeeded in West Germany and can be applied in Kuwait to offer Kuwaiti manpower to the private sector, he said.

He pointed out that the authority discussed with the German institutions proposals to modernise workshops and labs of the authority to obtain optimum returns from these facilities.

KU decision to limit seats for girls deplored

THE decision by Kuwait University's Council to stress on the importance of lowering the admission rate of female students at university colleges has been deplored.

The university's council approved the admission policy recommending that male youths be encouraged to join scientific fields in order to enhance levels and to provide local manpower with the required manpower.

According to the articles of admission it was pointed out that the number of females currently joining the university is constantly increasing at a rate of 68 per cent during the past two years.

Due to the importance of this decision, and its reflections on a number of female university students, a local daily interviewed a number of female students to ascertain their reactions.

Lina Shihab Mustafa directed her criticism at university officials by stating that the decision showed a total lack of sensitivity and is an unfair decision which will eventually pose problems for aspiring females. She commented that the application of this decision will compel many females to study abroad — causing untold hardship. She added that in the present era women are considered to have equal rights with men in terms of education and employment.

The new university decision will affect the local social life of female students, she said, and added that she thanked Allah that she was accepted at the university and that if the time travelled backward and she wasn't accepted at the university it would be very hard for her to think about completing her college education away from her family.

Amal Sameeh Hijazi, said that the new policy approved by the university council has positive and negative characteristics represented in taking serious steps towards decreasing female admission on whom they still impose old traditions. In a sense they dictate that women's final kingdom is to

be at their future homes with their husbands and children. She said that most male youths who just completed their secondary education like to travel abroad in order to complete their college education, gain new experiences and be exposed to other traditions.

The new decision will now compel male youths to remain with their families and to lessen their interest in travelling abroad. She pointed out the new policy represents discrimination between both sexes. It prefers males to females making the latter lose their confidence and self esteem.

Nida Al Shahwan described the decision of the university council as unfair as it will expose many females to mistreatment by allowing low grade point average male students into the university. She said that a male student who obtained a 60 per cent grade point average can't be put into the same category with a female student with 80 per cent average. Logical thinking requires female students to have the opportunity to choose the field they want at any college. She pointed out that females are quite capable of serving the country along with males.

Ayam Saadi Abdul Karim said that the decision was approved by the university council due to the increasing number of female students. She added that females should not be deprived from serving society and proving themselves. She pointed out that it is difficult for females to develop themselves in a different society if they were forced to study abroad. She proposed that admission rules should be identical for both sexes.

Hanadi Al Dhawahi had never heard of the university decision until the time she was interviewed, and she was astonished and started describing it as unfair and said that it will lead to negative results. She said outstanding students of both sexes should be honoured by the government and should be given every opportunity and encouragement to go on with their education.

Wheat co-operative farm project planned

THE chairman of Abdali Agricultural Co-operative Society Sheikh Mubarak Sabah Al Naser Al Sabah has said that the co-operative is planning to carry out a number of agricultural and co-operative projects in co-operation with some other agricultural societies. He added that this co-operative completed studies on five vital projects in co-operation with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

The first project envisaged is to establish a co-operative farm to

produce wheat on an area of 1,500 hectares. The farm will produce about 7,000 tonnes of fodder and about 5,000 tonnes of wheat a year. The project also includes building of stores, some administrative units and workshops to maintain and repair equipment. The project is expected to be completed in two years, he said.

He added that the second project is to forest the two sides of Mutlaa-Abdali road (75

kilometres long) to protect the agricultural areas, installations and buildings at the road front from sandstorms including erosion of soil. Sheikh Mubarak added that the third project is to establish a centre for sorting and grading agricultural products of Abdali farms. The project will save time and effort of farmers to bring their products to the local markets. The project will consist of cooling stores, normal stores and equipment for sorting out and packing products, he said.

Drug smuggling attempt foiled

AN attempt to smuggle a large quantity of narcotics into Kuwait has been foiled by customs officials of the Public Customs Authority, the deputy director-general of the authority, Mohammed Al Refai said.

Refai said that the apprehended smuggler of Arab origin was considered a dangerous element and had been kept under high-level surveillance.

On his arrival at Kuwait International Airport, he was subjected to a thorough customs check of his personal effects which resulted in unearthing the contraband, which included hashish and

heroin.

Investigations are under progress and no further details have been disclosed.

Refai stressed that all authorities are on full alert to foil any attempts to smuggle narcotics and related contraband into the country and called for the co-operation of citizens and expatriates to eradicate this deadly scourge. Children should be thoroughly protected from this menace, Refai said. He added that parents must ensure that they keep a sharp eye out for drug addiction among their children.

The penalties for addicts in Kuwait is severe, Refai added.

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The official pointed out that the next plan would include the expansion of existing hospitals and construction of more poly-clinics, based on the outcome and recommendations of the recent health survey.

Positive response to private vehicle testing

GTA to supervise inspections

THE recent decision issued by Ministry of Interior to transfer the mission of car inspection to private garages under the supervision of the General Traffic Administration (GTA) has received positive response from

garages would charge without looking to public interests.

However, the official reiterated that those violating sections 38 to 52 of the Traffic Law could be liable to have their permits revoked. The supervision by police and traffic patrols will be enhanced to address this issue, Rahma added.

The decision has been taken with the aim of reducing pressure on the GTA, Lt. Col. Essa Bu Rahma, director of the technical department at the GTA said and added that it is also designed to provide greater benefits to citizens by being provided with an update on the mechanical and electrical defects of their vehicles.

The Interior Ministry will grant licences to those workshops and garages who have prior licence from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to practise this activity — undertaking technical inspection of cars.

Basically, these establishments will have to have all modern facilities such as pollution monitoring devices of car

processors.

"Some problems might appear in the initial stages of this project which is considered novel to endure the hot weather of Kuwait," Rahma said and added that these minor irritants will be smoothed in the process of upgrading these services. The pivotal problem might be related to the amount of money these

Embezzlement checks

Fraud by co-op staff curtailed

PRACTICALLY every two months some staff member of a co-operative society is fired for being found guilty of embezzlement.

The Kuwait Union of Co-operative Societies in co-operation with relevant authorities carries out daily inspections of various co-operative societies to uncover embezzlement, Ali Salem Bu Hadidah, chairman of the Kuwait Union of Co-operative Societies said.

The reason for the difference in price of certain items at some co-operative societies is due to the fact that these items are luxury goods brought from different sources.

Pricing priority of purchases made for the societies is given to GCC and national products. There is no intention on the union's part to allocate special co-ops for such products, Hadidah said.

He added that the existing competition between the co-ops and popular markets have benefited consumers. This prompted co-ops to reconsider their existing situation and further develop their services in the best interest of the consumers.

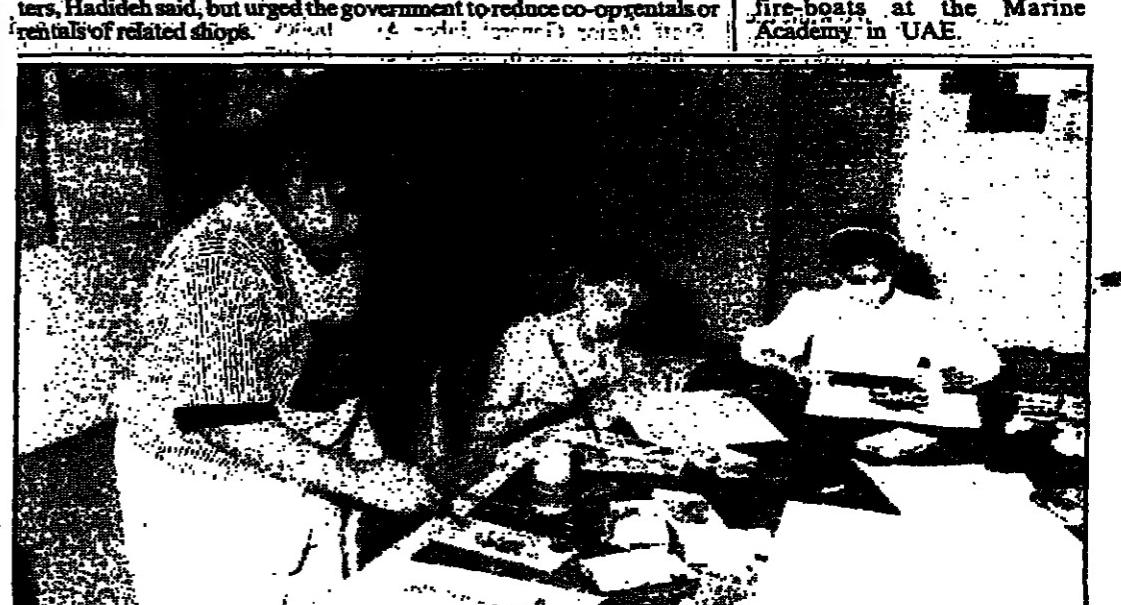
The union is concerned with quality and validity of foodstuffs displayed at the co-ops; financial matters are the concern of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. However, the co-op's board of directors would be called to account in cases of insufficient financial coverage or manipulation of data.

"There is no intent to build a new premises for the union's headquarters, Hadidah said, but urged the government to reduce co-operators or rentals of related shops."

Fire training suspended

THE deputy director-general of the General Fire Administration (GFA) for training and scholarships Ibrahim Al Omari has said that the GFA will suspend training courses organised to graduate firemen during the two coming years 1990-1991 and 1991-1992. He added that these courses are being suspended due to the large numbers of firemen available.

However, these courses will be organised again by the new training school of GFA that is expected to be completed in 1993. The new training school will be built in Sulaibiya area. It will contain the latest equipment and machines used in fire-fighting activities. It will be built according to the latest security measures and specifications, he said. The school will offer courses to graduate firemen and fire-officers beside offering refresher course. The GFA has plans to send some firemen to train on fire-boats at the Marine Academy in UAE.



Children at summer clubs

A number of children practicing their art at one of the summer clubs. There are about 43 summer clubs open for students, boys and girls where they can practice their hobbies. Many activities are offered including cultural, scientific, sports, computer and many others. The summer clubs open for two months during the students summer vacation.

Scholarship priority to 1989 school graduates

KUWAITI students who have obtained their Secondary School Certificates this year will be granted priority for scholarships to study abroad. Graduates of previous years will be granted scholarships if there is a surplus of seats.

Students sent abroad on scholarships granted by the Ministry of Higher Education are for study in majors presently not offered by Kuwait University except medicine and engineering as the state needs a large number

of these professionals, Abdulla Al Sanai, director of the scholarships department at the Ministry of Higher Education said.

The official pointed out that the ministry has a list of recognised universities in the world and is not responsible for any student who obtains a degree from an unaccredited university.

There are some considerations that the ministry looks into in cases of those students who study in the USA at their expense and want to obtain scholarships or continue their studies at the cost of the government in Kuwait.

He added that the state is responsible for taking care of Kuwaiti students sent abroad on scholarships. All expenses, including tuitions, boarding and lodging, travelling expenses and other incidental are borne by the state. Progress reports on the performance of these students are regularly received by the authorities, he added.

Sanai advised parents of these students not to provide their children with extra additional funds.

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Touristic sites secure, says official

Vandals will be penalised

THE touristic projects in Kuwait enjoys full security protection, a senior official announced. The official said that incidents that take place at some touristic sites, particularly the waterfront project, are exaggerated. He said that the Interior Ministry provides full security protection for the sites. He said that there are officers and policemen in the touristic projects for this purpose and the Coast Guard also helps to maintain order.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, July 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Amiri today received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Sheikh Jaber Al Ali.

Premier's audience

KUWAIT, July 17, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received in audience Defence and acting interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber, Communications and acting Public Works Minister Abdulla Al Sharhan who was accompanied by Public Works Undersecretary Mohammed Al Sanaa and Chief Roads Engineer Jassem Al Issa and some roads engineers at the Public Works Ministry.

Later, Sheikh Saad received State Minister for Services Affairs Al Mazidi, Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi and Board Chairman of Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ahmed Al Mishari.

HH also received a number of citizens at the public diwan.

Hajis healthy

SECRETARY of the medical mission accompanying the haj caravans from Kuwait, Ibrahim Al Mufad said that all pilgrims from Kuwait are in good health. Speaking telephonically from Makkah, he said that the mission will leave Saudi Arabia today morning and is expected to arrive in Kuwait tomorrow evening.

He said that he has no information about an accident with a Kuwaiti pilgrim caravan which took place few days ago while the pilgrims were returning from Makkah to Kuwait. It was reported that one man died and several others were injured. Mufad said that the mission gets no news about the caravans after leaving Makkah.

Meanwhile, pilgrims from Kuwait started returning back from the holy lands two days ago. They praised the arrangements taken by the Saudi authorities during this haj and also praised the assistance offered by the government of Kuwait.

Eid sacrifice

JEDDAH, July 17, (KUNA): A Pakistani plane left Jeddah yesterday carrying 2,710 heads of sacrificial sheep to Peshawar.

The meat will be distributed to the Afghan refugees there according to the Saudi Press Agency.

This will raise the number of heads of slaughtered sheep so far sent to Pakistan to 16,562.

Kuwait to forge ahead with expense rationalisation

WELL-INFORMED sources aid today that the government is determined to forge ahead with its expenditure rationalisation policy in all ministries and government establishments. But the sources added that the rationalisation will not be applied to basic services like education, housing, health and electricity.

The sources added that the government is also willing to provide all necessities to the public in the light of the policy recently approved by the Council of Ministers.

The sources said that HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will hold a series of meetings this week with a number of senior officials responsible for public services. Sheikh Saad will discuss with them the various efforts being exerted to upgrade the level of public services being offered to the public.

Rejection

Ali Al Qallaf said that Islam has rejected the practice of witchcraft, and that people who resort to such methods have poor faith in Allah's will. He

Leaking Maltese tanker emptied off UAE coast

JU DHABI, July 17, (AP): Small barges have emptied the oil cargo of a damaged tanker which has been leaking oil in the Indian and Arabian Sea, shipping executives said today.

The Maltese-registered tanker Puppy was spotted while anchored about 50 miles (80 km) off the United Arab Emirates port of Fakkan.

The 32,000-ton tanker, operated by the Geneva-based Acomarit Services Maritimes, had now been allowed entry to UAE ports for repairs, said the executives who spoke on condition they not be named.

The shipping sources were unable to determine the amount of oil recovered in the trans-

shipment and how much was spilled, but sources earlier estimated the leakage at 5,500 tons into the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea.

The amount would be equal to 1.6 million US gallons, with about 1.2 million of it believed lost closer to Bombay. Fears have been expressed about an oil slick still headed for the Indian coast at Kerala.

The shipping executives, who spoke on condition they not be named, said that the oil leaked since the Puppy anchored off Khor Fakkan was evaporating and the threat of an oil slick hitting the UAE coastline had eased.

He added that strict rules are applied to such violations adding that education and awareness must be used with the people.

The official admitted the presence of some intentional damage, but said that it is limited. He attributed this to anti-social elements. He said that security men are permanently present in the major touristic sites.

AGFUND to establish centre for Arab women

MANAMA, July 17, (GNA): The Arab Gulf Aid Fund (AGFUND) for the United Nations Development Organisations in co-operation with a number of international organisations, is planning to establish the first ever Arab centre for training women.

Preparations are underway to establish the centre. Arrangements for finding finances, the country to host the centre and a full detailed working plan for the centre, are currently under study.

The practical steps for the establishment of the centre are expected to commence by the end of this year.

Contact

The centre aims at providing training to Arab women in general and those working in the childhood and motherhood centres in particular. This is in order to allow Arab women to effectively contribute to comprehensive development plans. The centre will also carry out research studies to determine the priority of its training programme and the sections that will be covered by the training. It will also evaluate the previous training programmes offered to Arab women in addition to contacting the various training centres in the Arab world to determine in order to co-ordinate with them.

The centre will modernise the means and methods of training for women. It will provide training to various sections of Arab women starting with housewives and ending with senior officials responsible for working out policies concerning the development of the human resources.

The centre will also provide basic information about the standing of women within their respective families and in society. It will also provide basic indicators about the educational, health and cultural aspects of Arab women.

The official said that there is no intention to abolish the charges obtained for renewal of the

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Renewal charges stay

Permanent residence issue not decided yet: Wohaib

TILL the very present, there is no firm official decision on the long-talked about granting of permanent residences to outstanding Arab expatriates who have served Kuwait for a fairly good number of years, Col Ahmad Al Wohaib, director-general of immigration said.

He said that the law totally prohibits the extension of visit visas. New visas can be issued and the person is required to leave Kuwait at the expiry of the visit visa and may come back on a new visa. He emphasised that visit visas cannot be transferred into work permits while the person is still in Kuwait. They have to leave and can come back on the new work permit, he added.

Asked about what happens to holders of Palestinian travel documents when their services are terminated, he said that they are treated like others and will be sent back to the country that issued them the document. He added that in case that country refuses, we will hold contacts with them to seek some form of solution.

The department grants a period of two months to persons to transfer the residence from an old to a new passport and no fines will be collected during this period. He added that persons who get their passports changed while abroad can come back to Kuwait normally as they will be given visit visas to enter the country and should subsequently call on the immigration department within a week to get their residence transferred to the new passport.

Salary specifications

GCC citizens are treated like Kuwaitis and can bring their parents to live with them in Kuwait.

Government employees who obtain less than KD450 per month and have permission to work as part timers in the evening which enables them to get more than KD450 per month are still not eligible to bring their wives and children on dependent visas simply because the part time salary is not counted.

He added that there is no change in obtaining dependent visas for wives and children. Government employees must get a monthly salary of KD450 and private sector employees a monthly salary of KD600.

The department at present grants residence for a period of five years for government employees and has no objection in granting a similar period for private sector employees, provided the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour agrees.

The official said that there is no intention to abolish the charges obtained for renewal of the

residence which is KD10 per year and before that had a private sector residence, Wohaib said that he will first have to take permission from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and if it agrees, he has to come to the Immigration Department and pay the fines (KD2 per day).

In case of a compromise for extenuating circumstances, he may be referred to the court.

He said that expatriates who have their children studying abroad and are forced to stay for over six months and have valid residence can apply for permission to stay outside Kuwait. They have to obtain a certificate from the institution of study, attest it from Kuwait embassy in that country and then from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait and later apply to the concerned immigration department in any of the four governorates.

The official said that boys who reach 21 years of age, even if they are studying abroad, cannot get their residence permits renewed. This also applies to males who attain the age of 21 and are still in Kuwait. Their residence permits will have to be changed to working visas. However, this does not apply to students studying at Kuwait University or the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training. This rule also does not apply to females who can get this benefit so long as their sponsors (parents) continue to legally live in the country.

Wohaib said that there is no objection in transferring the residence of parents who have been staying legally in Kuwait to those of their children provided that the children are staying legally and earn enough to maintain their parents. This case particularly applies to parents who have been working in Kuwait and have retired.

Speaking about cancelling the residence of maids who leave for their countries for long periods and do not come back, he said that the residences of such cases are cancelled only after it is proved that the maids have been outside Kuwait for over six months.

He said that the rules do not grant giving a dependent residence to the mother of an employee in Kuwait even if she is ill, because the dependent visa rules apply only to wives and children. About the activities of the immigration departments in the four governorates, he said that these departments complete almost 4,000 different applications every day, adding that each application is completed at present in 15 minutes.

Memories revived at Women's Souk

Popular goods at low prices

By Ali Al Masoudi

A LARGE number of citizens interviewed by Al Seyassat described Souq Wajif (women's market) as the best place to entertain oneself and to revive memories.

They stated that Souq Wajif represents Kuwait's most important old feature and that civilisation has crawled at a snail's pace towards it and put it under a closed siege of high-rises and newly-built commercial markets.

Souq Wajif is still standing proud and remains unaffected by modernisation. It has remained with its distinguished character since years, one of the senior citizens said.

A number of interviewed citizens stressed that officials have the right to prevent the destruction of Souq Wajif because it represents a historical period of Kuwait and is a part of memories which should not be erased by foreign civilisations. They stated that government authorities must provide Souq Wajif with the needed care so it will stay the bright picture of Kuwait's past.

Al Seyassat toured Souq Wajif during the Eid Al Adha holidays and heard the views of patrons, and merchants there.

Reasonable

Adel Ahmad said that Souq Wajif is one of Kuwait's most distinguished markets and that he enjoys shopping there because it contains everything at adequate prices.

He stressed that Souq Wajif requires more care and renovation. Officials must put more efforts in keeping it clean by providing it with garbage containers. He said that restaurants at the souq are unclean and throw all of their trash into the street. He said that Souq Wajif is an old feature of Kuwait's past therefore it should be respected.

Hammad Mohammed stated that Souq Wajif should be compelled to prevent the encroachment of sand and dust during



Souq Wajif, still a nice place to browse.

dusty seasons, labourers should be distributed all over to clean the place. He pointed out that the souq faces negligence of officials despite its historical value. More care should be taken to preserve the old picture of Kuwait in order to put the market in a more representable picture to tourists who mostly like to shop at old markets. He added that people in Kuwait particularly those who lived in former Kuwait consider Souq Wajif as a proud figure and hope for it to stay. They feel a lot of pain when seeing it neglected in some areas.

Um Asaad, one of the peddlars at Souq Wajif said that she is very comfortable there and wishes that the market will remain the same, but she added that some things need to be looked after. She pointed out that the weather is hot and unbearable without air-conditioning. She hopes that Souq Wajif will be expanded one

7 years for robbery, arson

THE Criminal Court sentenced two men to 7 years imprisonment each with hard labour for breaking into a shop dealing in arms and then setting it on fire and also damaging a boutique.

The court was told that the two carried out their robbery during a dusty night and managed to steal a number of rifles and bullets from the shop. One eye witness who saw the incident said that he only saw two persons but because it was night and dusty he couldn't see their faces clearly. After making their investigations, the detectives arrested the two accused. A search of their houses revealed the stolen guns and bullets. During interrogation the two men confessed carrying out the robbery and stealing the rifles.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

MONEY is like a sixth sense without which you cannot make a complete use of the other five — W. Somerset Maugham, English writer (1874-1965)

Mistrust dams Indo-Pak thaw

No quick-fix answer

A BRIEF visit to Pakistan by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi fully bore out his host Benazir Bhutto's concluding remark that there is "no quick-fix answer" to the deep-seated mistrust between their countries.

Last night Gandhi made a strong appeal for a new era of friendship and co-operation to replace the hostility of the past.

Then this morning, at a joint news conference marked by the hostility of many of the reporters' questions, he publicly snubbed the Pakistani prime minister.

Asked about Pakistan's controversial nuclear programme, Gandhi said it was one of India's main concerns.

Then he added: "Pakistan's programme is entirely under military control, it is not open like our programme ... which can be discussed in parliament."

Bhutto, sitting beside him, was visibly taken aback but quickly interjected:

"I would like to take this opportunity to assure the Indian prime minister that our nuclear programme is not under military control. The government is seized of the matter."

The issue is doubly sensitive. The military has ruled Pakistan for more than half its existence since 1947 and many analysts were surprised the armed forces allowed Bhutto to take office after she was elected last November without a substantial majority.

Many Pakistanis are convinced the Army has at the very least an effective veto in foreign and defence matters. Bhutto, 36, insists she is fully in control.

The nuclear programme itself has threatened the flow of US aid to Pakistan. Both Bhutto and her predecessor, military ruler General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, promised repeatedly that it was for energy alone, and not for making nuclear weapons.

India, which exploded its own nuclear device in 1974, makes no secret of the fact that it does not believe them.

The two countries have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 and the bulk of their armed forces are still facing each other across the frontier. Trade is negligible and human contacts highly restricted.

Whether the incident interrupts the steady, if extremely slow, rapprochement between south Asia's main military powers since Bhutto's election remains to be seen.

Bhutto seemed to shrug off the incident in her final answer a few minutes later.

"You must appreciate that there is a tremendous backlog of problems and India and Pakistan need to chip away at this backlog," she said. "It would not be fair to expect all the problems to be solved overnight. There's no quick-fix answer."

But she added: "I feel that both countries have the determination to go on pursuing the search for peace."

The search continued after Gandhi's departure today when four committees on trade, tourism, economic co-operation and education and culture met in Islamabad.

In banquet speeches last night, it was Gandhi who was the more fulsome.

"Let us remove the fear that has permeated our relationship. Let us remove all hatred. Let us work together in peace and friendship," he said.

But the contentious issues quickly resurfaced at today's news conference.

Bhutto denied charges that Pakistan was sponsoring terrorism in Indian Punjab, Gandhi that India was seeking to bully its neighbours.

Differences over the divided Himalayan state of Kashmir were brought into the open. Gandhi again ruled out the possibility of a plebiscite to determine its future, Bhutto acknowledged they had different positions.

Gandhi denied that India was involved in an arms build-up, saying it spent only four per cent of its gross national product on weapons, while Pakistan spent eight per cent.

THE TIMES yesterday on the executions of military officers in Cuba for drug smuggling

"If only a proportion of the charges made by the military tribunal which convicted General Ochoa and his alleged henchmen are true, the leadership has some reason for its conclusion that the scandal damaged Cuba's reputation and threatened its national security ... but the fact of Cuba's involvement in drug trafficking has long been known. It is hard to escape the conclusion that President Castro decided to act when he did for largely domestic political reasons and selected his victims accordingly." (AP — London) . . .

AL RAI AL AAM said it is the US's blind support of Israel that encourages the Israeli obstinacy, extremism and violation of human rights in the occupied Palestine.

It commented on the statement issued by the summit conference of the seven industrialized nations in Paris which spoke about an international conference on peace in the Middle East as a final step to encourage direct negotiations.

The newspaper expressed doubts that the European countries can implement what the Paris statement proposes because of the keenness of the US and its commitment toward the Israeli interests.

The paper pointed out that Washington considers Israel as the only eligible negotiator in the Middle East and that Israel alone can decide and set conditions on who can be negotiated with.

The newspaper emphasized that despite the fact that the Israeli repression of the Palestinians does not conform with the democratic values of the US, Washington gives priority to Israel's safety "but as for the uprising and the rights of the Palestinian people and as for just peace, Arab stability, security and progress, all are to hell!" (KUNA):

TODAY IN HISTORY

64 — Great fire of Rome begins, and legend is that Emperor Nero set the blaze and played his fiddle as Rome burned.

1496 — England nominally joins Holy League against France.

1536 — Authority of Pope is declared void in England.

1658 — Leopold I is elected Holy Roman Emperor.

1792 — France declares war on Sardinia.

1812 — Britain, by Treaty of Orenburg, joins Sweden and Russia against France.

1872 — Britain introduces voting by secret ballot.

1912 — Tewfik Pasha becomes Grand Vizier of Persia following fall of Said Pasha's ministry.

1923 — British matrimonial causes act gives women equality in divorce suits.

1925 — Druses begin insurrection in Syria.

1962 — Peru government is overthrown by military leaders, and United States halts military aid to that country.

1966 — South Africa declares it will continue control of Southwest Africa after World Court dismisses suit brought by black-ruled African states.

1972 — Egyptian government orders Soviet Union to withdraw military advisers stationed in Egypt.

1974 — Archbishop Makarios, ousted President of Cyprus, arrives in New York to seek support at United Nations.

1988 — Iran announces acceptance of United Nations resolution for cease-fire in Gulf War with Iraq.

OLIVER NORTH DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE

LISTEN UP, KIDS — FIRST, DON'T GET CAUGHT... IF CAUGHT, DON'T ADMIT GUILT... AND IF FOUND GUILTY, SAY IT WAS SOMEONE ELSE'S IDEA



Beijing in limbo since crackdown

Fear under summer sun

MARTIAL law has not altered the sleepy summer rhythms of this dusty capital. A hot sun hypnotizes the 10 million residents into slow motion and soldiers drop under their umbrellas.

Their eyes half shut, they play idly with the safety catches on their automatic rifles. It is possible to catch them napping, stocking feet protruding from the windows of parked Army jeeps.

Some Beijing residents stroll up boldly, ask where the soldiers are and from offer soda pop.

But despite appearances, the city has not returned to normal since troops killed or injured hundreds of possibly thousands of civilians in suppressing a pro-democracy movement last month.

Arrests continue in a crackdown on students who led protests that jammed Tiananmen Square in Beijing with thousands of unarmed civilians demanding new freedoms and an end to official corruption.

In the current climate, any Chinese who even appears suspicious may be led away to be questioned, beaten and released.

A book store where liberals used to meet has been shut. The latest issue of a major magazine has been halted at the post office because of an article that censors deemed harmful. Authorities have banned the sale of foreign books and magazines in hotels and cut off satellite reception of foreign broadcasts.

Books by scholars now on police wanted lists have been banned. Culture Ministry workers have raided private book stalls to seize copies.

Many Chinese pass these days fearing punishment because of the government's harsh new policy emphasising class struggle and the need to stamp out Western-style liberalism.

"I invited you to come to our home for lunch and we bought beer and things to make dumplings, but I'm sorry, you can't come," a Chinese intellectual said with embarrassment as he met a Western friend recently.

The Youth Congress is based in Dharamsala, a Tibetan refugee settlement perched in the Himalayan foothills of North India.

In 1959, the first of Dharamsala's 7,000 settlers fled Tibet with their spiritual and temporal leader, the Dalai Lama, when an anti-Chinese uprising was crushed by the occupation Army.

"For 30 years we have been speaking of Chinese atrocities," said Sonam Topgyal, a spokesman for the Tibetan government-in-exile in Dharamsala. "If China is capable of killing their own people, surely they will not hesitate to show any mercy on the Tibetans."

Hundreds and possibly thousands of unarmed civilians were killed on June 3-4 when Chinese troops used guns and tanks to clear Beijing's Tiananmen Square of pro-democracy demonstrators.

"We lost an opportunity to win independence," said Rinzen Dolkar, a Tibetan exile who runs a cafe



Elderly women pray silently during Catholic services in Beijing's Northern Cathedral. Many aspects of city life appear to be returning to normal but few residents now dare to speak openly about the crackdown last month. (Reuters wirephoto)

ment spokesman Yuan Mu said they were for a foreigners' own protection.

"There are so many Chinese and you don't know who is good and who is bad. It is not written on their foreheads," he said.

Across Beijing, hundreds of thousands of teachers, doctors, journalists and factory workers who cheered or joined in the seven-week-long protests face investigation and ideological re-education.

Most will not be arrested, said one Chinese source who declined identification, but they will spend tense weeks as Communist officials at their work units examine their cases.

At minimum they will be required to acknowledge the error of their ways, the source said.

Political education already has begun for entire work groups, protesters and bystanders alike.

China massacre a blow to Tibetan struggle

CHINA'S suppression of a pro-democracy uprising has dimmed hopes of Tibetan independence among 6 million exiles living apart from their high mountain homeland.

"What happened in China will not help the Tibetan struggle in any way," said Lhasang Tsiring, the chief of the Tibetan Youth Congress, one of the most radical exile groups. "Now freedom will not come but it must be earned."

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Tibet with their spiritual and temporal leader, the Dalai Lama, when an anti-Chinese uprising was crushed by the occupation Army.

But the independence movement has remained largely peaceful under the guidance of the Dalai Lama, who advocates non-violence and negotiations as a bid for Tibetan independence.

Tibetan natives are mainly of Mongolian stock, speak their own language and largely follow a form of Buddhism in which they revere the Dalai Lama. Until the Chinese suppressed religion in the 1960s, as much as a sixth of the male population were Lamas.

Many Tibetan exiles maintain that their homeland was an independent nation, noting the independent Tibetan kingdom that flourished as earlier as the 7th century.

China, on the other hand, has claimed the region

as a vital part of its territory for the past seven centuries.

The high, arid plateau came under Mongol influence from the 13th to the 18th centuries when it fell under nominal Chinese control.

It was not until 1911 that Tibet reasserted its independence, which it maintained until China invaded in 1950.

"China will not loosen its grip over Tibet because of its military importance. Also, China desperately needs land for its burgeoning population," said Jampa Dhartson, religious adviser to the government-in-exile.

China has not responded to the Dalai Lama's recent offers of compromise — allowing China to handle Tibet's foreign and defence affairs in return for independence.

But a senior official of the Tibetan government-in-exile, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "I have my doubts about non-violent methods with the Chinese."

Dawa Norbu, an expert at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi, said the Dalai Lama should now ask Tibetans in Lhasa to stage more demonstrations so that the Chinese will have "no option but to hold talks."

The most militant is the Tibetan Youth Congress led by the 35-year-old Tsiring, a former guerrilla who claims 10,000 followers, mostly in India.

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from society to society; and this fact is reflected in journalism also. I would elucidate it by contrasting examples. Certain British papers were replete with almost week-by-week monitoring of Lady Diana's pregnancy until she delivered. Nobody there raised a finger at this media trend.

In contrast, I recall the rebuff given by Benazir Bhutto (now Pakistan prime minister) to a newsman who asked her, at a press conference on the eve of the general elections, when her baby was due. I don't remember her exact words but in her reply she did point out firmly that asking such questions in public was inconsistent with both societal and Islamic traditions.

Kuwait too has its own dignified ethical norms and cultural traditions. A reminder of the need for an awareness of this factor on the part of those in journalism and media is meaningful. This is, of course, in addition to an awareness of the country's

security considerations as well as professional skills of journalism.

The front-page editorial (Arab Times, July 12) denouncing the treacherous bombing at Makkah by hidden hands of evil expresses the sentiments of tens of millions of Muslims — and also of the non-Muslims who uphold the sanctity of holy places of all religions as the common heritage of humanity at large. The perpetrators of the crime are anything but faithful to the Prophet (PBUH) and his religion.

You have aptly drawn comparison from the early days of Islamic history. The existence of such self-anointed hypocrites, who are rebels against Allah in fact, is not a new phenomenon. They need to be exposed by the media, to entitle them to the punitive treatment they deserve. You have done your part of the job, Tadeusz Karwecki. Keep it up.

Dr A. Haldar,
Khaidiya.

Tea for two

Trouble brews in S. Africa

A 45-MINUTE chat between Nelson Mandela and President P.W. Botha has thrown government and anti-apartheid forces off balance as they try to adjust to the changes the event has made in their long-standing policies.

The meeting between the imprisoned African National Congress leader and the retiring president on July 13 in Cape Town is unprecedented. It does not fit with either side's position on the conditions which would have to be met before such a meeting could be imagined.

The exiled ANC described the meeting as a publicity stunt but withheld further comment as praise poured in from other anti-apartheid groups. It may be that the 73-year-old Botha, facing forced retirement at the hands of the National Party that he controlled for 10 years, gave history a push just to spite his designated successor picked over his wishes.

The heir apparent, F.W. de Klerk, has not commented on the meeting, and the government is to be scrambling to explain it without losing too many votes to the white right-wing in the September parliamentary elections.

Apparently preparing the groundwork for Mandela's release, the government is transforming its portrayal of him from that of a violent revolutionary to a statesman worthy of negotiation with the nation's white leaders.

Ambiguity

Ambiguity extends even to Mandela, who turns 71 on July 18. He insists he has not changed his views during 27 years in prison. He has not met the government's demand for an outright renunciation of violence and he continues to call for the removal of a ban on the exiled ANC.

But Mandela, in a statement released by prison services a week after he met Botha, said: "I only would like to contribute to the creation of the climate which would promote peace in South Africa."

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, who arranged and attended the meeting at Botha's official residence, first described it as "a courtesy visit." A week later he declared it "breakthrough."

Foreign Minister Pik Botha, mindful of the need to improve South Africa's image abroad, called it "an event of the utmost historic importance."

Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe, aware of the danger of startling white voters before the elections, said the meeting was "part of the broader process of preparing the groundwork for future negotiations."

Only the extreme-right, pro-apartheid Conservative Party has made its position crystal clear. Conservative Party leader Andries Treurnicht attacked the government for talking to the ANC and said its "attempt to enhance Mandela's status to that of a

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran ready to deal with West on equal terms

Rafsanjani vows to revive industry

NICOSIA, July 17. (Reuters): Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, so confident of winning Iran's presidency that he does not plan to campaign, said in remarks published today that Iran was ready to deal with the West on an equal footing.

As president, he pledged, he would aim to revive the country's industry, now running at less than half-speed, and would back a sell-off of state factories to raise cash and increase the people's role in the economy.

Rafsanjani set out his programme for a four-year presidential term in an interview with the daily Jomhuri Eslami

that reflected pragmatic views taking hold in Iran since the death on June 3 of supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Questioned about ties with Western countries, he said: "If they deal with us on the basis of equal terms and do not wish to impose anything on the revolution we will deal with them on equal terms."

The presidential election is on July 28.

The interview was reported by Iran's official news agency IRNA and monitored in Nicosia.

Both Rafsanjani and outgoing President Ali Khamenei, who succeeded

Khomeini as spiritual leader, stress the need for economic growth and good relations with most of the world after eight years of fighting Iraq.

But Rafsanjani, who played a key role in the secret arms purchases which spawned Washington's Iranagate scandal, said Iran continued to have serious problems with the United States, Israel and South Africa.

Rafsanjani faces one opponent in Iran's fifth presidential elections — Member of Parliament Abbas Sheibani, a loser in a 1981 presidential race who presents only token opposition.

A 54-year-old Muslim clergyman currently speaker of parliament and acting head of the armed forces, Rafsanjani said he would not set up a campaign headquarters because people were already familiar with his policies.

"I believe a campaign in its conventional form will be counter-productive. People do not expect me to put out posters and photos," he said.

Rafsanjani backed constitutional amendments to be put to referendum also on July 28 which would eliminate the post of prime minister and give all executive powers to the president.

He said Iran would soon begin drilling for oil in the Caspian Sea with Soviet help.

He said Iran needed to improve and expand higher education and promote scientific research, develop natural gas as the best source of energy, expand the railway network and make better use of water resources.

But in the short-term, the important task is to raise industrial production.

Only "about 30 to 40 per cent of the country's industries are active due to shortage of materials, energy or parts," he said.



Barber Conable

Conable for Morocco

RABAT, July 17. (KUNA): World Bank president Barber Conable will pay a visit to Morocco this July 19-22, accompanied by a high ranking delegation from the bank, the Moroccan Press Agency reported.

During his stay here, Conable will hold a series of talks with several Moroccan officials including Premier Azzeddine Laraki, Minister of Finance Mohamed Berrada and Minister in charge of Economic Affairs Moulay Zine Zahidi.

The World Bank substantially contributes to financing priority development projects in the kingdom, mainly in the areas of agriculture, infrastructure, communal equipment, drinking water conveyance, national education and public health.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund said it would lend Jordan 76.6 million Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) to support its economic adjustment programme.

Of the total 60 million SDRs will be available over the next 12 months in the form of a standby arrangement, and 16.66 million SDRs can be drawn at once to compensate for a shortfall in earnings from merchandise exports, travel receipts and workers' remittances for the year ended December 1988.

League praises Paris meeting

TUNIS, July 17. (KUNA): The Tunis-based Arab League today expressed satisfaction over the results of the industrialised nations summit and described as "positive", particularly those related to Arab issues.

A statement issued today by the League's general secretariat said that the support of the G-7 summit leaders to convene an international Mideast peace conference was considered a positive step.

It expressed hope that the consensus on holding the international conference would lead to a change in the American position and serve as a warning to Israel.

The general secretariat also expressed hope the international efforts would be dedicated for implementation of the UN Resolution 425 calling for withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territories.

It praised French President Francois Mitterrand's efforts to bring about a North-South dialogue to consider international problems.

In this regard, it said that the Arab and Islamic group had asserted such co-operation as suggested by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah during his address to the UN General Assembly last September.

Meanwhile, the League expressed regret because the final communiqué of the G-7 summit did not touch on the "unsatisfactory" situation between Iraq and Iran, asserting the need to resume negotiations between the two countries as soon as possible.

'Summit a circus show'

NICOSIA, July 7. (Reuters): A Tehran newspaper dismissed the Paris summit today as a show that belongs in a circus.

The daily Jomhuri Eslami said the three-day meeting of seven Western powers which ended yesterday was the least successful summit ever with the United States failing to convince others to back its policies towards Eastern Europe and crippled by political-sex scandals.

"This show of power and solidarity has become so senseless and without content that it is fit only to be exhibited in a big circus," the Iranian news agency IRNA quoted the paper as saying.

Meanwhile, a senior Soviet official today praised the Paris summit of industrialised democracies as a step towards East-West economic co-operation and hoped Mikhail Gorbachev's letter to the meeting would generate joint action.

"We hope the response to the letter will promote world economics involving the balancing of different economic interests," Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said.

He told a news conference the weekend summit in Paris represented "a step forward in co-ordinating macro-economic policy. This is a complex issue but co-operation is needed and we are prepared for such co-operation."

Gorbachev's letter, an unprecedented appeal for economic integration of the East and West, stole the lime-light at the meeting of the world's richest countries — the United States, Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan.

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100 oil finds in 20 years

Iraq marks 21st anniversary of July revolution

BAGHDAD, July 17. (Agencies): Iraq said it had made a total 100 new oil well finds during the past 20 years with total reserves of 280 billion barrels.

The official Iraqi News Agency, in a report last night said the Oil Ministry was now developing the southern Majnoon Island oilfield, under Iranian occupation until May last year.

Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi said two months ago Majnoon contained 30 billion barrels of reserves.

Iraq plans in the coming years to export four million tons of liquefied gas through the Gulf, the agency said.

The agency did not elaborate.

It said oil refining capacity of the country's five refineries stood at 600,000 barrels per day (BPD) and work was progressing on another refinery in central Iraq with a capacity of 150,000 BPD.

It said two units of the southern Basra refinery were operational now after repairs to damage sustained in the eight-year Gulf war.

The first unit with capacity of 70,000 BPD has been operating for several months, but there has been no official announcement on the completion of repairs to the second unit with the same capacity.

Iraqi celebrations on the 21st anniversary of the July 17 revolution, which officially began today, will be characterised this year with peace, reconstruction



Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi

and increased development. Since the Gulf ceasefire went into effect on August 20, 1988, Iraq has embarked on massive reconstruction campaigns to offset eight years of war and to speed-up the development process that began on July 17, 1968.

These reconstruction drives,

Bid to strengthen business in Malaysia

BP renews interest in oil hunt

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17. (KUNA): British Petroleum (BP) is renewing its interest in oil exploration in Malaysia, it was reported here today.

The report said BP sees this as one business venture that can strengthen its position in the Malaysian oil industry.

The report quoted out-going BP Malaysia managing director Stephen Pettit as saying that discussions with Petronas (Malaysian National Oil Corporation) on available exploration blocks still continued.

"We have not lost interest in oil exploration in Malaysia. After all, oil exploration is the core business activity of BP world-wide," said Pettit who will take up the post of manager international trade division of BP Oil in London in August.

"We are interested and want to see where are the blocks available, whether in traditional areas or in new areas in deep sea," he added.

BP spent about \$33.3 million in 1985 and 1986 on

oil exploration offshore Sabah in east Malaysia but found little commercial success.

Pettit said geographically Malaysia continues to offer interesting opportunities and the area is currently one of the most active oil exploration areas in the world.

He said Petronas has successfully attracted the attention of a lot of other multinational oil companies with the introduction of the much improved production sharing contracts in December 1985.

On downstream petrochemical activities, Pettit said polyethylene is one area in which BP is interested to invest in Malaysia as the company is one of the world leaders in the industry.

At present, BP is the third largest oil company in the world. In Malaysia its activity is currently limited in the downstream sector especially in the retail market. Nevertheless, BP considers itself a serious contender for the Malaysian polyethylene plant project, the report added.

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Askin to discuss oil imports

Turkish minister in Iran

quoted Turkish Minister of State Ilhan Askin as saying after arriving in Tehran.

Turkish's relations with Ankara have been cool this year over Iranian protests at a ban on women students wearing Islamic headscarves at Turkish universities.

Demonstrators attacked the Turkish embassy in Tehran last month to protest articles in the

Turkish press which they said insulted Iran's late supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Iran was Turkey's biggest oil source after Iraq last year, providing 5.4 million tonnes in a total of 21.9 million tonnes.

A protocol signed last September set Iran's crude exports in 1989 at six million tonnes with Turkey selling Iran 1,000 tonnes each of petrol and kerosene daily, the agency said.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Great Western Financial Corp., the parent of Great Western Bank, a US federal savings bank, is issuing a 200 min dir verable rate note due July 1993 priced at par, sole manager Merrill Lynch International Ltd said. In Tokyo, an official at Merrill Lynch Japan said Great Western will try to sell part of the issue in Japan, becoming the first US savings and loan to attempt to sell debt there.

London: IBM International Finance N.V. is issuing a 100 min stg Eurobond due Aug 9, 1992 paying a coupon of 11-7/8 pct and priced at 101.225 pct, lead manager S.G. Warburg Securities said.

Hong Kong: Hong Kong bankers said they took the declaration of the G-7 summit as a green light to continue lending to China despite its call for the World Bank to postpone examination of any new loan applications.

Zurich: Union Bank of Switzerland said it was issuing for its own account a 300 mn Swiss franc, 12-year subordinated bond with warrants priced at par.

London: Sapporo Finance International BV is issuing a 50 min dir Eurobond due July 27, 1994 paying a coupon of 8-7/8 pct and priced at 101.35 pct, lead manager Yameichi Internationa (Europe) Ltd said.

Zurich: Banque Paribas (Suisse) SA has scheduled for Wednesday a meeting with co-managers to discuss two Swiss franc bonds it lead managed for Southmark Corp which has filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the US bankruptcy code.

Manila: Philippine debt negotiators are in New York for talks this week with commercial banks on new borrowings and debt relief, a government spokesman said.

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	34.25	34.50	33	NAT O&G	--	--	--
CC 308	305	299	GRASIN	129	129	125	NIPPON	38	37	37
LEM CHEM	--	--	GSK ALKL	156.75	152.50	151.25	NOCL	985	970	965
SLV NIS	--	--	GUJ HEAVY	68.75	68	68.50	ORKAY	17	17	16.25
RIT FAB	--	--	HERO HONDA	10.50	10	10	OSHAL AGRO	74.50	72	73
ASHOK LEY	79	77.50	KIND COCOA	21	19.50	21	PEICO	19.50	19	20
ISIA PAINT	193.75	192.50	KIND CIBA	880	920	870	PFIZER	68	67.50	67.50
ATLAS COP	38	37	KIND COCOA	113.75	112.50	111.25	PONDIA	175	175	172.50
TAJAJ AUTO	360	357.50	KIND MOTOR	57	56.75	56	RANBAXY	85	81.25	83.75
SAK RAYON	560	560	KIND HALDICO	310	312.50	297.50	RAY WOOL	83.50	83	84.50
3K BOND	64	63	KOECHEST	750	770	740	RECKITT	167.50	162.50	160
3LW PLAST	--	--	IND ORG	39	39.50	39	RELIANCE	120.50	121	120.50
SON DYE	134	129	IND RAYON	80	80	79	SESA GOA	42.25	42.50	40.50
SEI INDEX	762.86	758.92	INDROL	292.50	293.75	292.50	SHAW WALL	--	--	--
BURR WEI	207.50	202.50	INGERSOLL	397.50	382.50	395	SHREE CREM	--	--	--
CANSHARE	185	--	ITC	115.50	113	113	SIRI FIB	--	92	94
CEN ENKA	2750	2730	JK SYN	81	81	79	SIEMENS	69	67	69
CEN SPG	1950	1940	KIN ENGG	170	165	170	SKF	1310	1300	1280
COLGATE	320	320	KIN CUMH	57	57.50	60	SPIC	54.50	54.25	53.50
CROMI GR	1370	1375	KSB PUMPS	390	--	--	ST MILLS	360	370	360
DCI	10.50	9.50	L AND T	93	92.50	90	TATA CHEM	124	127	125
DEEP FERT	31.25	30.50	LIPTON	74	75	74	TATA OIL	70	75	72.50
DUNLOP	80	80	MAC RUSSEL	113	116	116	TATA POM	390	400	407.5
E1 HOTELS	62.50	60	MAD COATS	106	104	106	TELECO	992.50	995	975
ESCATS	70	72	MAHINDRA	90	92	91.50	THAPP AGRO	--	--	--
ESKAYEF	122.50	122.50	MAS SHARE	18.50	17	16.75	TISCO	1418	1395	1362
ESSAR SPG	26	26	MICRO	--	655	650	VAM ORG	171	170.50	170
FOOD SPL	167.50	167	MILKWOOD	205	200	205	VARELI	25	22.50	25.75
FORBES	50	49	MODI	85	82.50	85	VOLTAS	850	855	850
GAR POLY	64	63.50	MRF LTD	--	--	--	WIMCO	17.75	17.50	16.75
GE SHIPPING	41	42.75	MUK IRON	133	132	131	ZENITH	56	52.50	55
GLINDIA	89	91	NAT INDEX	392.20	391.20	ZUARI AERO	74	73	72	

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1480	1490	
AEG	203.2	206.6	AIJINOMOTO	2620	2620	MITSUB EST	2390	2400	
ALLIANZ VR	2130.0	2108.0	AKAI ELEC	753	751	MITSUB HVY	1260	1240	
BADENMERK	215.0	220.0	AOKI	1330	1330	MITSUI CO	1090	1070	
BASF	291.5	291.0	ASAHI GLS	2520	2520	MITSUKOSHI	2270	2280	
BAYER HYP	432.0	439.0	ASAHI OPT	918	938	MITSUMI EL	1000	1000	
BAYER VER	415.0	422.5	BANK TOKYO	1670	1660	NICHICON	1710	1730	
BBC	447.0	450.0	BRIDGESTON	1620	1620	NIIRON CHNT	1170	1160	
BHF	485.0	494.0	CANON	1790	1790	NIKKO SEC	1760	1790	
BNW	595.0	587.0	CASIO COMP	1410	1410	NIP ELEC	1960	1960	
COMMERZBK	276.5	282.0	CHUGAI PHM	1800	1810	NIP KOKAN	804	830	
CONTI GUMM	315.3	317.5	CITIZEN W	1120	1100	NIPOL OIL	1440	1440	
DAIMER BEN	718.5	709.5	D-ICHI KAN	3280	3320	NIP STEEL	870	861	
DEUTSC BNK	647.3	654.5	DAI NIP IK	876	877	NIP YUSEN	1010	1020	
DLL	560.0	560.0	DAI NIP PT	2290	2290	NIS MOTO	1530	1560	
DT BABCOCK	356.0	359.5	DAI NIP SC	1330	1330	NOMURA SEC	3200	3220	
FAZ INDEX	630.47	630.17	DAI NIP TO	942	950	OBHA CO	1260	1290	
FELDMUEHL	381.2	380.6	DAICEL	1090	1110	OLYMPUS	1460	1470	
GOLDSCHEID	415.8	415.0	DAIMA H	2100	2140	PENTA OGM	1340	1350	
HARPPNER	448.0	448.0	DAIMA SEC	2240	2220	PIONEER	3800	3780	
HOECHST AG	294.0	294.0	EBRA-NFE	2520	2520	REHOM	1110	1100	
HOECHST	227.0	234.5	FUJITSU	1630	1630	SAICO	2430	2410	
HORTEN	280.0	284.0	FUJI BANK	3490	3490	SANYO ELEC	909	909	
HUSSEL HLD	648.0	659.0	FUJI PHOTO	4270	4300	SEIYU ST	2210	2230	
KALI SALZ	216.3	216.2	FUJISIMA	1670	1670	SEKISUI PB	2020	2030	
KARSTADT	596.0	592.5	FUJITA CP	1910	1930	SHARP	1460	1450	
KAUFHOF	520.0	525.2	HITACHI	1600	1610	SHISEIDO	1840	1840	
KLOECK H	179.0	182.0	ISETAN	2440	2480	SUNTOMO	1350	1370	
KLOECK W	156.0	157.5	ITO YOKADO	4030	3950	TAISEI	1600	1620	
LINDE	743.0	742.0	JAP SYR RU	1160	1180	TAISHO MRN	1360	1380	
LUFTHANSA	178.0	181.5	JAPAN AIR	16100	16000	TEKADA CH	2330	2330	
MAN	319.5	321.5	JAPAN MET	1090	1090	TEIJIN	930	935	
MAINESMAN	227.0	231.3	KAJIMA	2120	2150	TKO NEW IX	499.74	509.38	
MERCEDES	555.0	544.9	KAISAN EL	4420	4510	TKO MRN	2050	2070	
METALLGES	657.0	658.0	KAO SOAP	1690	1710	TOKYO GAS	1060	1060	
NIXDORF PF	326.0	327.0	KAHASAKI H	1200	1190	TOKYO POWR	570	5800	
NOKSI HYD	47.20	47.60	KAHASAKI S	930	935	TORAY IND	975	981	
PHILIP KOM	532.0	538.5	KIRIN BREW	1900	1890	TOSHIBA EL	1360	1380	
PORSCHE	773.0	772.0	KOMATSU	1250	1250	TOTOMI	2480	2500	
PREUSSAG	289.0	295.6	KYOCERA	6270	6260	TOYO KOGYO			

Japan denies being villain

PARIS. July 17. (AP): The world's seven richest nations yesterday urged action to save the threatened earth, while Japan made a fervent pitch to escape being cast as the villain of the environment.

Leaders ending their annual three-day summit called for stronger steps to save rain forests, the atmosphere, and the seas, lakes and rivers, saying species were endangered and societies threatened by damage.

"Seldom have I had such intensive discussions about environmental protection as in the last days," said West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

In their final statement, the seven summit nations targeted the depletion of the atmospheric ozone layer, global warming, deforestation and acid rain.

"Decisive action is urgently needed to understand and protect the earth's ecological balance," they said, pledging to work together to preserve the environment.

"Environmental considerations must be taken into account in economic decision-making," said the statement, urging the World Bank and development banks to "integrate environmental considerations into their activities."

Japanese spokesman Taizo Watanabe angrily defended his country's record on the environment, telling reporters that Japan was not guilty but was trying to change.

The fact that Japanese officials devoted a news conference solely to environmental issues spoke of the country's new emphasis on the environment, including increased spending.

Japan brought \$2.25 billion in environmental-related aid for developing nations that Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno unveiled before the meeting.

Watanabe acknowledged that Japan is the largest importer of wood from the threatened rain forests but said "that is something we would like to cope with by extending co-operation with the international tropical timber organisations, which is concerned with preserving forests and planting new trees."

The summit nations called for:

- More scientific research on environmental issues and improved technology to reduce pollution.

- Development of substitutes for chlorofluorocarbons and joint efforts to limit carbon dioxide emissions.

- Promotion of energy efficiency and tougher safety standards for nuclear power plants.

Gold reserves hit new highs

TAIPEI. July 17. (Reuter): Taiwan's gold reserves hit a new high after the government resumed imports of the metal, the Central Bank said today.

Gold reserves rose to 13.54 million ounces at the end of May from 13.49 million in April and compared with 12.94 million in May 1988, the bank said.

Taiwan was the world's biggest gold importer in 1988 although the Central Bank halted purchases in July that year after Washington said its imports were intended to reduce artificially the island's huge trade surplus with the United States.

"We believe the Central Bank resumed gold purchases in May when gold prices were low," said Frank Lin, vice-president of the China Trust Precious Metals Corporation.

He said the government might continue to buy if gold prices retreated to May levels of about \$360 per ounce. The price is now about \$371.

A Japanese bullion dealer in Taipei said removal of the gold import tariff this week would stimulate private purchases, mainly by jewellery shops and trading companies.

Taiwan's mainly private sector gold imports plunged to 94.87 tonnes in the first half of 1989 from 249.56 tonnes in the same period last year.

Dealers said imports would rise later this year because of the tariff removal, which would also substantially reduce gold smuggling.

About 150 tonnes of gold were smuggled into Taiwan last year, they estimated.

They said some speculative funds, previously invested in stocks and with illegal investment houses, were shifting to gold.

"There is room for profits if people buy gold now because of low prices," a Hong Kong bullion dealer said.

H.K. bankers see green light from G-7 on China loans

Poor seek French cash

PARIS. July 17. (Reuter): Organisers of the poor peoples' summit said yesterday they had asked France to put up cash to help them monitor the West's economic policies.

Representatives of seven of the world's poorest nations said they wanted to set up a permanent centre to keep track of the policies of the seven leading industrial democracies, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The "summit of seven poor peoples" held rival summit talks in a Seedy Paris meeting hall over the weekend as leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Canada and Italy held their annual economic discussions in the Glass Pyramid of the Louvre Museum and the futuristic Arche de la Defense.

Organisers of the alternative summit of peasant leaders and community workers from Brazil, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Mozambique, the Philippines and Zaire, told a news conference they had asked President Francois Mitterrand's top adviser to consider French government funding for the project.

"We'll have to see about that," they quoted him as replying.

French presidential adviser Jacques Attali briefly received a delegation from the counter-summit on Saturday and promised he would hand the heads of state and government leaders a copy of their appeal.

"We refuse to allow the seven (rich) the right to speak in the name of the entire world and to decide for the whole of humanity," the poor seven said.

offers loans over a longer period and with a thinner spread. I don't think China will turn to commercial banks for capital to compensate the World Bank's loans," a European banker said.

A US banker said the G-7 declaration had little effect on his bank's lending policy to China. "What we care about is China's economic fundamentals," he said.

"China has to demonstrate its open door policy by a commercial approach rather than a slogan. For example, it has to attract more businessmen to invest and make profits in China, or honour deliveries of all the shipments," he said.

Banking sources said China had already tried to rebuild the confidence of foreign investors by making swifter payments.

"I think banks will start new

loans to China after finishing their studies of China's economy," another Japanese banker said.

Many banks, particularly Japanese companies, are expected to finish studies on China's economic and political conditions to give them a better idea of what their lending policy towards China should be.

A West German banker said some commercial banks have already started arranging loans for Chinese projects and investments. He expected new loans to be launched on the market within one to two months.

For the European Economic Community, the Paris summit of the world's major industrialised nations was a coming of age for a participant once viewed as a gate-crasher at these annual gatherings.

"The EEC's executive commission has attended the annual meetings of the leaders of the United States, Canada, France, Britain, West Germany, Italy and Japan since 1977.



US President George Bush listens to West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl moments before French President Francois Mitterrand delivers the final statement of the 15th summit meeting of the Group of Seven industrialised countries, at the Arche de la Defence. (Reuter wirephoto)

The summit Saturday, the leaders asked the EEC to organise, within weeks, a meeting of Western nations interested in helping Poland and Hungary.

Yesterday's final communiqué praised the European Monetary System for having brought monetary stability to Europe, stressed that the planned 1992 removal of EEC barriers will lead to more trade, and welcomed the community's recent initiative to improve trade links with the non-ECC nations in Europe.

Pressure stepped up on Swiss banks

ZURICH. July 17. (Reuter): At the end of a recent town council meeting in Delémont, Mayor Jacques Stadelmann fired the loudest shot yet in a local campaign against Swiss banks doing business with South Africa.

After the council voted to boycott the country's three biggest banks in protest against their links with Pretoria, Stadelmann announced that the north-western Swiss town would return a 20,000 Swiss franc (\$12,400) gift it had just received from Swiss Bank Corp. (SBC).

"We have no illusions," he told Reuters. "This will not change the bank's attitude, but it was something we could do to show how we feel."

The anti-apartheid campaign against banks may resemble mosquitoes chasing elephants but financial analysts say it could become a sizeable lever.

"This will be a major issue here within years," said Heinrich Looser, chief financial analyst at Bank Julius Baer in Zurich.

Switzerland's anti-apartheid movement has persuaded more than 1,800 people this year to close their accounts with the big banks: Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS), SBC and Credit Suisse.

More than 4,000 others have pledged not to open an account until the three end their South African links, says Catherine Weber, secretary of the No Money for Apartheid Project, an umbrella organisation for 21 Swiss anti-apartheid groups.

"We think the banks are getting quite nervous," she said. She noted that four more town councils were due to vote later this year on measures similar to Delémont's.

Looser said the sums withdrawn so far only represented a drop in the ocean for the biggest Swiss banks. "There will certainly be some public opinion pressure, but the bottom line is that these protests will have zero effect," he said.

The real pressure will come from the big international fund managers who are becoming more sensitive to the apartheid issue, especially in the United States, he said.

He estimated that every second US institutional investor checked whether Swiss banks with whom they did business had ties with South Africa.

Such checks cost two Swiss banks the chance to take part in a Eurobond issue for the Canadian province of Ontario in February when they could not provide assurances that they did not do business with the South African government.

Oil revenue drops

NICOSIA. July 17. (Reuter): Oman said today its oil earnings fell in the first quarter of 1989 to 256.6 million ryals (\$66.6 million).

Official figures, carried by the Oman News Agency received in Nicosia, said this compared with 278.7 million ryals (\$74.4 million) in the first quarter of 1988.

Oman, which is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, raised back production to help OPEC boost prices and currently produces about 500,000 barrels per day.

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The measures taken by Carlos Menem in his first week as President were as sweeping as Argentina's problems are daunting: minimum 200-per cent increases in public utility rates to curb the fiscal deficit, and a 54-per cent currency devaluation to bring down interest rates.

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Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum

Sat-Thurs.: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU meeting

JULY 19, Wednesday. The officers of the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) will hold their meeting at Far East Restaurant at 8.00 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino (annual souvenir programme, sponsors and awarding ceremony); Philippine community day and Mutya ng Pilipinas — Kuwait; Little Mr & Miss Philippines — Kuwait; Kapilku Night.

British Council

JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a super-girl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess.

Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

Bangladesh Association

JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladeshi Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

D'Assisi Social Evening

AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Art, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

Little Mr and Mrs Philippines at Show Biz

THE Kapisanang Filipino sa Kuwait (KAPILKU) will award the Little Mr & Mrs Philippines — Kuwait, for 1989 on Friday, August 11 at Show Biz Pizza Place at 3:00 pm.

Aside from the awarding for Little Mr & Mrs Philippines — Kuwait, the children will be treated to a special event, that is, the Araw ng mga bata (Children's Day) in which they will be entertained by cartoons characters, puppet show, parlour games, songs and dances.

Children of Filipino parents aged three to seven will be eligible to take part in the Little Mr and Miss Philippines contest. The talent portions for the children will be classified according to ages. The three to four years old will have their own questionnaires, while the five to six as well as the seven have also their questionnaires portions.

Hurry don't miss this occasion, register your children and win fabulous prizes donated by the sponsoring companies. For registration and particulars, contact Jojo Medrano, AVP who is the chairman and Rosafe Austria, the vice-chairperson, or VP Sarah Macarimbang on telephone No. 4843447.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music saturated evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Jo 5655140 Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Independents ball

AUGUST 17: At the Messilla Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Farewell pictures

Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

KALPAK's exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art & Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (KALPAK) will hold an exhibition of Indian Arts & Handicrafts at the Indian Embassy Hall from 3 pm to 8 pm.

Tivin Centre

OCT. 26: Tivin Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza

Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD4.000 per child, KD4.500 per adult.

Loulwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese "farrouj"; chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2.500.

Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the

real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

At the Meridien

UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salmiya Complex.

At the SAS

AL GHAZER: Have an exhilarating voyage on board Al Ghazer, our very own beautifully hand-crafted dhow. Take this unique opportunity and experience the old seafaring Kuwaiti tradition. Available for half day or full day trip along the Gulf coastline. Trips to Kubar, Umm Al Maradam and Faialka Islands can be arranged on request. Fishing tackle, food and beverages are provided. For bookings, call 5657000 ext. 416.

Peacock Room: Relish yourself with authentic Chinese specialties in a very cozy ambiance, visit our Peacock Room. For reservation call 5657000 ext. 403 or 532.

Bistretto: Savour something Italian, visit the Bistretto. Also offers Continental and international dishes. Open from 6 am to 1 am everyday.

Al Boom: Come aboard Al Boom and taste its fine menu of charcoal grilled foods. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursdays and Fridays. Call 5657000 ext. 403 or 540 for reservations.

Eedam: Planning your picnic, visit Eedam. Offers home-made specialties, freshly baked goodies, imported meats and smoked fish.

Clock: Always on the go, let SAS Clock drive-in restaurant serve you. Offers wide varieties of fast food items.

At the SAS

WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite specialty from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the hubba bubble/pipe. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540."

At the Kuwait Plaza

MARCOPOLO: The Italian restaurant in the heart of the city offers jumbo authentic pizza, spaghetti, lasagna and a wide variety of real Italian dishes in Italian ambience with live music by the most celebrated duo Stan and Alice.

Loulwah corner: The Parisian cafe with Arabic music by the oud player Fawzi Jamal. Enjoy the delights of different sandwiches and mouth watering juices and Arabic icecream. A special promotion for business lunch four courses including coffee or tea for only KD2.500.

At the Ramada Hotel

EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateauxs and tarts made to order.

Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

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VIDEO CORNER

Backyard hysteria in not-quite-sane suburbia



Tom Hanks



Carrie Fisher

Gail Seery
"DO NOT mess with suburbanites, because we're not going to take it any more." Art Winngarten tells the TV news cameras in "The Burbs", which stars Tom Hanks as the perplexed Ray Peters.

Ray has taken a week off work. He doesn't want to go anywhere. He especially doesn't want to go to the lake where the family have a cottage. He just wants to muck around, drinking a few beers, lying in the back yard trying to get a tan, and generally doing nothing at all—except possibly building a barbecue. His wife, played by ex-Star Wars Carrie Fisher would much rather go away, and is less than delighted when neighbour Art begins to involve Ray in schemes of his own.

The doings get more and more bizarre when Walter, an old man with a dog, disappears, and Hans Kloepke is spotted dumping a huge bag of garbage in a mysterious rain storm. Later, to complicate matters further, all three Kloepkes are seen digging in the garden at dead of night. The outcome sees Art, and his arms dealer neighbour sitting in the rubbish truck sifting through the garbage for signs of a dead body. Then, Ray's dog, digging along the boundary of his house shares with chez Kloepke, finds a human femur...

Tom Hanks has become a

well known actor since his performance in "Big", and in the Burbs he gives another first rate performance as the rational hero, who is out to see that justice is done. He spends a long time resisting Art's claims that the Kloepkes are devil worshippers, but finally he feels he must accept that the evidence points to the fact that something strange is going on. "Nobody knocks off an old man in my neighbourhood and gets away with it," he says, to Clint Eastwood type music.

This hero/Clint Eastwood

theme runs throughout the movie, and brightens it, even if the action was never in danger of flagging. Right at the end of the film, there's a sequence that is lifted almost perfectly from the final part of High Plains Drifter.

The Burbs is a very convincing portrayal of group hysteria, and of how people can wind themselves up to believe the improbable, beginning to look at even straightforward occurrences without seeing the obvious solution.

The film is genuinely eerie,

NIGHT CHEMIST

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Al Awqaf Bldg.
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Noora Pharmacy
Negra
Al Othman Street
Near Hamad Al Barrak Mosque
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Al Markaziyah Pharmacy
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Al Asfour Bldg.
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Al Iman Pharmacy
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CINEMA

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Al Salmiya
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Tridev
Starring: Sunny Deol, Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit
Fahabeel Open-Air
Mardangi
Al Fahabeel
The Return
Al Jasha
Play Dead
Granada
Vendetta Liza
Al Sabahikhat
Killing Machine
Al Jieb
Someone to Watch Over Me
Almadi Drive-In
Arabic film

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.27 am
Zohr 11.54
Asr 3.29 pm
Maghreb 6.48
Isha 8.17



A scene from Gone Fishing on KTV2 at 7:00 pm today.

holding the elections.

9.00 Horatio "The Diary of Discovery". A look at NASA the American space agency since its formation in 1963 until the failure of Challenger on 25.1.1986.

10.00 Hooperman: Hooperman chases a crazy man who breaks out fire everywhere.

10.30 L.A. Law: "The Son

Also Rises." A criminal kills two cops and Van Owen acts as a prosecutor in this case.

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Helena Bonham Carter and Jesse Birdsall in the romantic comedy Getting It Right.

Helena steps out of character

Thoroughly modern

By Marina Shamon

NYMPH-LIKE actress Helena Bonham Carter looks just like a heroine from the Barbara Cartland novel — petite with chocolate-brown eyes, English rose complexion and a mane of dark hair.

Filmgoers have learned to expect to see her in period settings. She played the sweet Edwardian flower, Lucy Honeychurch, in *A Room With a View* and in *Lady Jane*, she was Queen of England for nine days.

Now 22-year-old Helena is trying to break the mould by playing more contemporary roles but it is not easy when directors have placed her in a costume-drama pigeonhole.

At last, however, she has managed to get out of the long, heavy costumes buttoned up to the neck and slip into a tiny miniskirt. Helena will soon be seen in

Getting It Right, a comedy about relationships in which she plays a girl suffering from bulimia, the slimming disease.

She is almost unrecognisable with her face plastered in heavy make-up and she looks spaghetti thin because she had to go on a diet to play thoroughly modern Minerva.

Modern

Doing a modern-day part was totally refreshing for Helena. She said: "I felt utterly normal. I didn't feel I was in a time warp. I don't have to wear old-fashioned costumes."

"It is so tough trying to convince directors that you can play contemporary parts. I had to do the screen test for the part of Minerva. For period costume dramas, you look placid and just sit there and look awfully sweet. Directors think you can't do anything else."

Off-screen, Helena's background is that of a loving and close-knit family. Born into an upper-class family, she denied being a yuppie, although she drives a black Peugeot 205.

Her grandfather was the liberal Prime Minister, Lord Asquith, and her great uncle was the famous film director Anthony "Puffin" Asquith.

Most girls her age cannot wait to get away to live on their own but, for Helena, home-life is her rock of stability. She has two elder brothers Edward and Tom.

She is quick to point out that she does not live at home out of duty to her father, who is disabled since suffering a brain tumour 10 years.

Wearing a vest and trousers and sitting on the balcony of her luxurious hotel, she said: "It is really nice to come home to my family because they look after me so well. I spend so much time away from home that it is nice to come back to something that is continual and not changing."

Duty

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And now that her career is steaming ahead, she needs all the family support she can get. For Helena has a handful of films yet to be released, including *A Hazard Of Hearts*, *The Mas*, *Getting It Right* and *Francesco*.

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down chocolate, went on a diet to play Minerva but says she did not lose as much weight as she wanted to. "I didn't go as far as making myself sick," she said.

But she tried to find out more about this modern-day disease. She said: "When I started to research the role, I realised bulimia is more prevalent in people my own age."

I also watched a documentary drama called *Catherine* about a girl who almost starved herself to death for seven years.

"As if it isn't enough that Minerva is bulimic, she is also neurotic, has no logic and is rootless. Her mother is an alcoholic, her father could be her grandfather."

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Get better soon, Rosie



LIKE a baby fresh out of her bath, Rosie snuggles into the soft folds of a towel big enough for two and, with slightly watery eyes, looks forward to her next meal.

She knows where that is coming from: from the two nurses who hurry to and fro to serve the orphaned seal pup with a feast of sprats five times a day. As soon as Rosie catches sight of them, she lets out shrill hoots of joyous recognition — and then sends them back to the kitchen with another empty dish.

To the nurses, to everyone, at the Seal Hospital at Natureland in Skegness is the £27,000 Lincolnshire sanctuary built

on readers' donations to the Daily Mail's Save Our Seals Fund — Rosie is a Very Important Patient indeed; in fact, the first.

She was found in a marsh, about four days old, sick, dehydrated, pitifully puny, lying alongside the lifeless body of another pup. Rosie would have died, too, but for the care she has received and her own keen sense of survival. She is no longer alone: another pup — named Kylie, after Minogue, of course — has arrived but, friendly creatures that they are, have to be kept apart to avoid further infection.

Young poet

Friends

Dedicated to Grace

Nothing can be compared to a best friend
It is a bonding of two people
That is far too deep to be expressed in words
It is an unending love for one another that comes from the soul.

A best friend is someone who cares for your being.
It is someone who is giving as well as receiving.
This person readily listens to your sorrows with a profound desire to lessen the emotional turbulence inside you.

This person rejoices with your triumphs and will be there to encourage you to higher achievements. A best friend will also have faith in you and lives through your fantasies and dreams.

Dance

As I hear the music soaring,
I feel an urgent need to dance
To express my sorrow and pain of the day
And the few moments of happiness.

My hands and feet have a life of their own
And my body moves rhythmically to the subtle nuances in the music
It is as if I am a bird that might fly high into freedom.

I feel myself become one with the music
It holds me as I fly through the air
And it ensures I will land softly
I begin to cry as a melancholy tune appears

I feel the pain sear through me
And my face contorts to match its sorrow.
In the end, I fall down, exhausted
With new hope that tomorrow will be better.

(Constantine Churchill),
14 years.

Dear Junior Readers,

How many of you are beginning to forget all of what you learnt at school last year?

How many of you are getting slower and slower at arithmetic.

Do you wonder why? Well did you know that the human brain learns new things every day, many of the things it learns are learnt unconsciously. For example it associates the smell of chips with what they look like. As it learns many, many things while you are awake, whatever you are doing, you have to expect it to forget things it is not reminded of constantly. Doing this may be great fun if you allow it to be!

Numbers and your timetable can be learnt when you go down and buy sweets. How much does each sweet cost? Multiply it with the number of sweets you are buying at that price and you will get the total amount of money you have to pay... or if you are buying a nectarine for each member of the family, how many will you have to buy? How much will it cost?

Words may be learnt by solving crosswords, or even by circulating around the house naming all the different objects you see. If you are learning more than one language at school, you can name each object in the different languages you are learning.

Keeping in touch with what you learn at school will prove to be very rewarding at the beginning of next term, when your favourite teacher asks you a question about something you did this year.

Manot.

Happy birthday



Anuj Barkataky celebrates her 10th birthday today, July 18. Many happy returns of the day from parents, family and friends.

Anuj goes to the Indian School and enjoys table tennis and reading.

Paramjot Singh celebrated his twelfth birthday on July 14. Happy birthday from friends and family.

Paramjot goes to the Indian School and loves collecting stamps and photographs.

Amazing facts

A temple to the 'God of Food' in Nepal, is decorated with countless offerings of pots and pans.

Blackberries are used to make wine, hair-dye, cough medicine, and a refreshing drink.

Roman senators used to wear purple stripes in their togas as a mark of their rank.

There are 3,700 species found in Britain alone.

In the Second World War 22.2 per cent of the population of Poland was killed.

In the northern Punjab in India, a woman isn't considered to be correctly dressed unless she wears nose rings.

The manufacturers of 'Monopoly' print more 'money' than the whole of the United States Treasury.

Colouring time

Where does this mother and her child come from? Which other famous animal is a characteristic of this country?



Congratulations



Leo Simpson, ranked first place in Std X All India Secondary Certificate examination.

Leo is of the New Indian School and his father, Mr. Simpson (Engineer at the Ministry of Public Works) wishes him all the success in the world.

Just for laughs!

Sister: 'Try some of my sponge cake.'

Brother: 'Nibbling on a piece? It's a bit tough, isn't it?'

Sister: 'Yes, I can't understand it. I bought the sponge fresh from the chemist this morning!'

Solutions to Tuesday's crosswords

S	P	A	N	D	I	V	A	M	I	N	
PURE	DAVIS	AMIN									
ELITE	BORA										
ARAB	BOSS	ANVAS									
BOSS	SAFE	ARENA									
SAFE	KEEN	EST	PORT								
KEEN	EST	PORT									
EST	SORE	BANI	STER								
SORE	BOGUS	A PA									
BOGUS	STUN	SONES	PRIG								
STUN	SONES	PRIG									
SONES	ATE	SPENT	PEACE								
SPENT	ROSEMARY	SEEN									
ROSEMARY	CATS	STARTER									
CATS	STARTE	ARGAL	SARNEDE								
STARTE	CHARLES	SON	ALGA								
CHARLES	SON	ALGA	MELL								
SON	MELL	GODFAD	LAZ								
MELL	GODFAD	LAZ	EASE								
GODFAD	EASE	LAZ	ONES								
ONES	LAZ	ONES	CLAY								

Word search

FOR JEWELS

AGATE	GARNET	QUARTZ
AMBER	GILT	RINGS
AMETHYST	IVORY	RUBY
AQUAMARINE	JADE	PLATINUM
BEADS	JASPER	SAPPHIRE
BERYL	JET	SARD
CHALCEDONY	MARQUISITE	SCARAB
CORNELIAN	OPAL	SEQUIN
CORONET	PENDANT	SILVER
CRYSTAL	PHYSALITE	SOLITAIRE
DIADIEM		TIARA
DIAMOND		TOPAZ

Clue: Green stone (7 letters)

Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!

Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.
The details we need are:

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

School: _____

Hobbies: _____

Telephone: _____
(confidential)

Send to:

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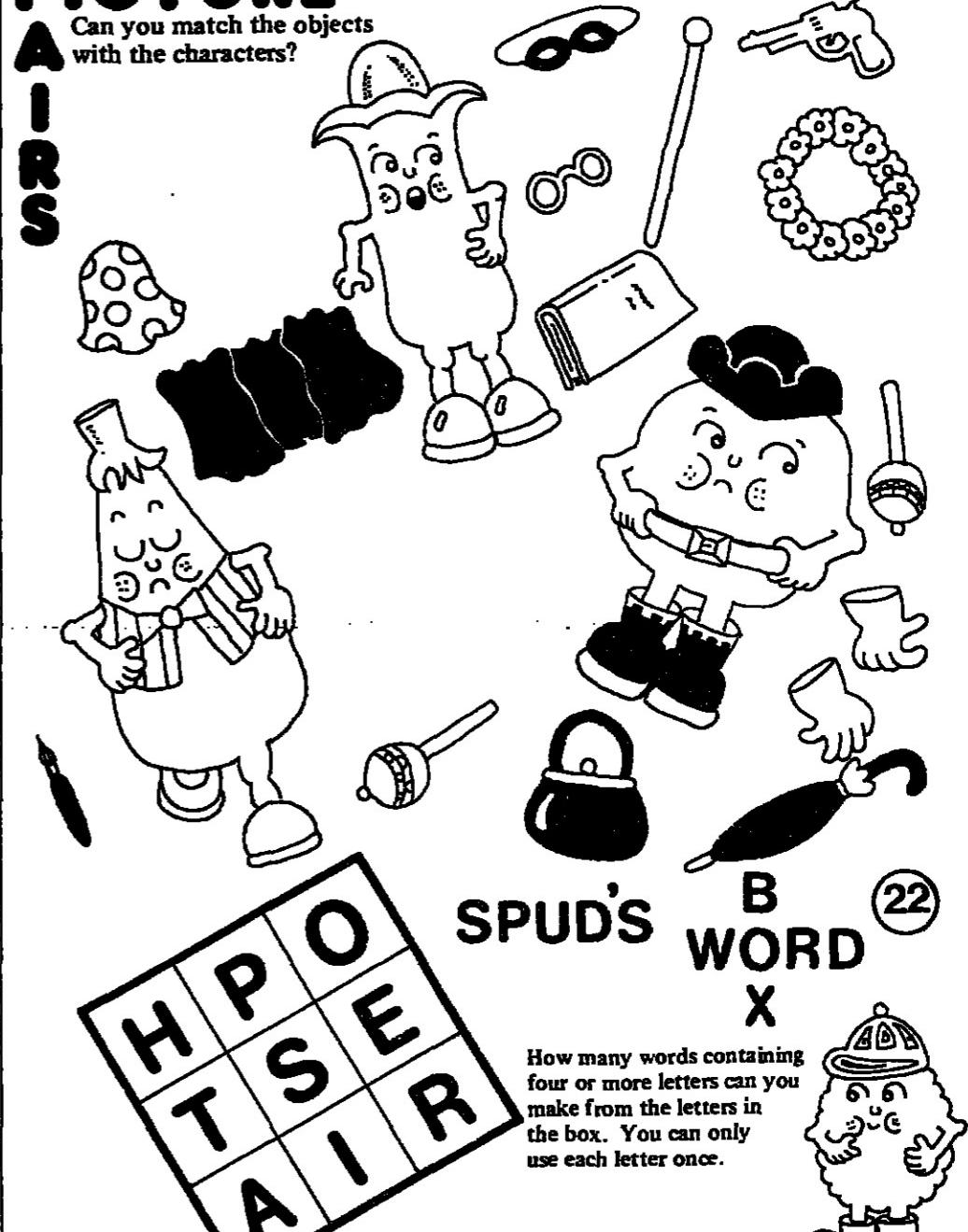
To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date

Did you know that?

Charles II was the first British king to go to a public theatre. It was also in his reign that the first women were allowed to act the female parts in plays. Before then these parts were taken by young boys.

PICTURE

Can you match the objects with the characters?



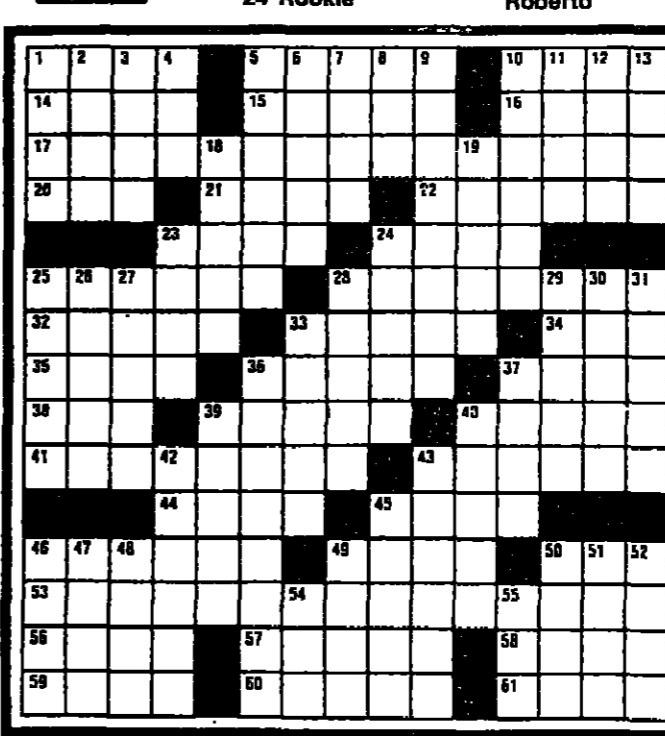
SPUD'S WORD

22



How many words containing four or more letters can you make from the letters in the box. You can only use each letter once.

CROSSWORD



1	Knife wound	25	Cornerstone installers	41	Repeats a performance	23	Actor Franchot
5	Fare computer	28	Don't give up	43	Fritty appearance	24	Gray-white mineral
10	Kitchen need	32	Coeur d'—	44	War god	25	Alma —
14	Year	33	Fish grouping	45	Slender	26	Similar
15	Japanese port	34	Govt. agency	46	Speaks pompously	27	Suiting Massenet
16	Govt. agent	35	Fatigue	49	Etta —	28	opera
17	Completely uncured	36	Mirthful	50	Creek	29	Ardent
20	Nourished	37	Bearing	53	Omens	30	"America singing"
21	Soothsayer	38	Heart test letters	56	Imprimatur	31	Baby-sitter in Cornwall
22	"Mame"	39	Like it!"	57	Dried figs	33	Fills in with mud
23	Santa's wares	40	Boxer Roberto	59	African fox	34	Between-class moments
24	Rookie	41	Reindeer	60	Seamstress	35	Grocery stuff
25	Small suffixes	42	Goose	61	"horse!"	36	Entertain You"
26	Himalayan goat	43	Farm measure	37	Rod of baseball	47	Thessalian mountain
27	Hitherto, in poetry	44	Lean-to	40	"Inferno" author	48	Brazilian birds
28	Khayyam's "The —"	45	Haw	42	Christmas in Pisa	49	Understood
29	Office figure, for short	46	Dawdles	43	4 Suds	50	Split
30	" — a man with..."	47	Small suffices	44	Thessalian	51	Monogram part abbr.
31	Notorious German	48	Himself	45			

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ACCOMMODATION Available

KUWAIT City, Fahd Salem Street, opp. bldg to Alghanim Pharmacy, for Goan bachelors to share with Indian family. Tele. 2412316.

(AT4-48373-3)

SALWA, house 196, block 7, 3 rooms with water, electricity and tele. for an Indian family to share with an Indian family. Bus 34, 102, 502. Rent KD 50. Tel. 5611243.

(AT5-48318-6)

KHEITAN behind Granada Cinema, 5 minutes from bus stop for bachelors/family to share with Goan family. Tele. Angela/Michael 4886427 9 am - 6 pm.

(AT4-48375-3)

KUWAIT City, near Meridien Hotel, one separate room in CAC flat for a single bachelor only. Tele. 4719023 (from 8-11 am & 4-6 pm) or 2411882 (Res).

(AT4-DN/TM-3)

SHARING accommodation available for a working lady with an Indian family. Rent KD55. Tele. 4744345, 8 am - 1 pm.

(AT4-48363-3)

SHARQ behind the Firdous Cinema, near Goraya Saloon, 3 rooms available with electricity and water for a family only. Tele. Ansari Essa, 2435100, 7 am - 1 pm.

(AT3-48344-2)

For Rent

ARABIAN style villa near the Sheraton Hotel in a quiet neighbourhood with all furniture, appliances, ACs etc. KD4000 (negotiable) to current owner, KD300 rent. Tele. Mr Shureih 2433467/4817539.

(AT4-48365-3)

SALMIYA, near the shopping centre new 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom flat with telephone from September. Rent KD 180 with water. Tele. 5616806, after 2.30 pm.

(AT3-48353-3)

QURTOBA, 2 storey villa, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, A/C, carpets, annex garden, garage. Rent KD600. Tele. 3524848.

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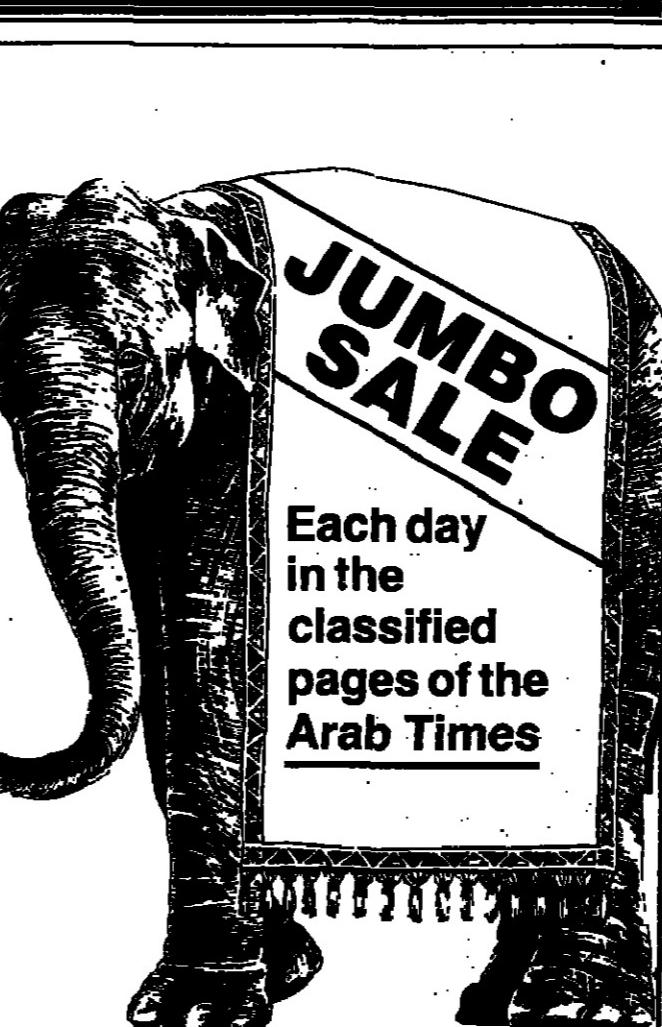
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Open letter to Philippine community

TO: My Kababayans.
Being the chairman of Palaro 1989, it is my duty together with my associates, to see that everything goes right and impose what is right for the best of the community.

This is not the first time, that I hold this position, for, in 1983, I was also the vice-president of Sports and Recreations of this same association (Kapitku). Fortunately, the Palaro '83 was held under the atmosphere of camaraderie and sportsmanship.

But, this year Palaro is the opposite of the good old days. WHY? Because some of our friends are deviating from the rules promulgated by the International Basketball Committee and so with our house rules.

In our house rules, nothing is mentioned about score difference in case of triple-tie, but points for and points against which was clearly defined on our last Sunday issue of our local English newspapers.

Quotient system — another term which was used by our friends. Another term with no bearing on score difference.

The only quotient system used in breaking the triple tie as per international rules is the goal average, this is the next rule to be implemented in case the other rules failed to break the tie. Goal average is the total scores among the teams in question divided by the number of games, a wise rule of the international federation for teams to adhere for the following reasons:

- More goals, to avoid game fixing, for you need to score to be qualified.

- More goals, thus require more concentration on the game and not hitting your opponent.

- More goals, thus require practice and expertise for a better and worthy team.

- More goals, so that professionalism in basketball, be met.

- More goals, to prove that you are better than the others.

Mga kabiguan, if we are not going to implement the right rules, who will, what will happen to our next year Palaro, and the years to come, we must be flexible for the good of the masses.

We, the organising committee, if we will use the house rules extracted from the international rules, KPBC will be out and on the other hand if we will use the rules extracted from the verbal interpretations. Magnolia team will be out.

Since the organising committee considered the flaws created, for not defining the rules properly, we arrived on a unanimous decision to accommodate all the teams in question to enter the semi-final and may the best team win using the international rules.

Regarding the Palaro expenses, our committee and my humble self would like to invite all concerned that the book or records of the Palaro '89 is open to the public, so at least, proper figures can be given to the press, and I hope that you can contribute so I can reimburse some of the expenses I personally paid. Magnolia team is mine? 1, however, spend more time with KPBC and Greek House teams than all other teams combined.

And most of all mga Kababayans at mga kapaitid, let us be together, be friends, be united, don't let other people run our Palaro, let this Palaro be our palaro.

Freddie Fernando,
KPK, vice-president,
Sports & Recreations.

Waddle to sign for Marseille, but no Maradona

MARSEILLE, France, July 17, (Reuters): England international Chris Waddle will sign for Marseille tomorrow, Jean Berne, manager of the French League and Cup winners said yesterday.

Problems apparently arose over the English-language translation of Waddle's contract but these appear to have been overcome.

Waddle's transfer is reported to be worth 45 million francs \$6.8 million,

the highest ever paid by a French club for a British player.

Berne ended speculation that Diego Maradona might leave Napoli for Marseille. "It's not worth speaking about it. The whole thing was just a

story blown up by the press," he said. Marseille, with French national team captain Manuel Amoros signed from Monaco, are poised to add fellow international Jean Tigana.

"Jean Tigana's transfer should be

settled in our favour on Monday," Berne said.

Other acquisitions in Marseille's bid to create a European 'super team' ahead of next weekend's start to the French season include Brazilian

defender Carlos Mozer and Bordeaux's French international defender Alain Roche.

Metz's French international striker Carmelo Micicci has also been loaned to Marseille for a year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Egypt triumph

CAIRO, July 17. (Reuters): Egypt avenged a home defeat in the 1974 final of the African Nations Cup with a 2-0 victory over Zaire in yesterday's first leg final qualifier for the same competition.

Federation Cup

TOKYO, July 17. (AP): Led by top-seeded United States and defending champion Czechoslovakia, a record 41 countries are slated to compete in the Federation Cup tennis tournament, the women's version of the Davis Cup, in Tokyo this October, organisers said today.

Valetta hurt

TROWBRIDGE, England, July 17. (Reuters): Australian batsman Mike Veletta could be out of action for a month after breaking a finger while batting in a limited over cricket match against the Minor Counties yesterday.

Bathtub race

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 17. (AP): Rookie Brent Shipowich capsized twice, but still managed to win the 35-mile (56-kilometre) Nanaimo-to-Vancouver bathtub race yesterday.

Donald wins

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, July 17. (AP): Mike Donald capped a 10-year quest for his first PGA Tour victory today, when he birdied the fourth hole of a rain-and-darkness-interrupted playoff at the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic.

Eurobowl event

LEGNANO, Italy, July 17. (UPI): Four of Europe's top amateur American football clubs begin play tomorrow in the Eurobowl tournament with organisers hoping that the event will help to boost popularity of the rugged, bruising game imported from the USA.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Westminster System-17 bridge tournament game played at the Regency Palace Hotel on Sunday, July 16:

1. Laila Morbi & Adly Tiba
2. Sherin Basyouni & Ahmed Hneidy
3. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah

Results of the Westminster System-17 game played on Sunday, July 9:

1. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah
2. Sherin Basyouni & Ahmed Hneidy
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- E/W
1. Dhruba Mukerjee & Ravi Sapre
2. Mohammed Merchant & Santos Aurora
3. Jaggi & Abedin.

Brazil edge past Uruguay for title

Argentina finish in third place

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 17, (Reuters): Brazil beat hosts Uruguay 1-0 (halftime 0-0) at the Maracana Stadium yesterday to win the South American soccer championship for the first time since 1949.

Striker Romario of Dutch side PSV Eindhoven scored in the 49th minute, heading a cross from the right by Mazinho past goalkeeper Javier Zeoli.

Uruguay, on a capacity crowd of 170,000, Brazil were the dominant team for most of a tense match in which fighting spirit played a bigger part than skill.

Only after conceding the goal did Uruguay come out of a defensive shell. But with forwards Ruben Sosa, Enzo Francesco and Antonio Alzacinde tightly checked, they found little space as they went in search of an equaliser.

Tough Brazil held the initiative, they found few gaps and were reduced in the first half to forcing two saves from Javier Zeoli from free kicks.

Chilean referee Hernan Silva had a difficult time trying to keep the match under control and the tackles began to get rough. He booked Uruguayan Santiago Stolaza and Sosa and Brazil's Franco.

Uruguay had their best chance

in the 73rd minute when Francescoli shot just wide after exchanging passes with Sosa.

Rosario also put the ball in the net in the 77th minute but was ruled offside.

World champions Argentina drew 0-0 with Paraguay yesterday and took third place on goal difference.

Argentina, a far cry from the brilliant side that won the World Cup in 1986, finished a disappointing tournament on a poor note, having scored only two goals in seven matches, none in the final round.

Paraguay, also poor in their last appearance, conceded six goals to Argentina's four in three matches in the final round.

Paraguay controlled the midfield in the first half through 17-year-old Gustavo Neffa, but seldom troubled Nery Pumpido in Argentina's goal.

Argentina, without Diego Maradona and speedy striker Claudio Caniggia, were forced back into defence until they gradually became organised and evened the match.

Colombian referee Jesus Diaz refused Paraguay's heated penalty claims when an Argentine defender appeared to handle the ball in the 26th minute. He awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area.

Argentina took control of midfield in the second half and attacked more but were easily forced into mistakes by the experienced Paraguayan defence in which Juan Torales won a record 77th cap.

The star of the tournament has been Bebeto, an unlikely tower of strength with his slight frame and boyish looks, helped hold Brazil together through early troubles and inspired them to victory.

The slim 25-year-old, new idol

of popular Rio de Janeiro side Flamengo as Zico's career draws to a close, took to heart the animosity of Brazil's fans in the qualifying stage of the tournament in his native Salvador.

He celebrated his goal against Venezuela in Brazil's first match by clenching a fist defiantly at the crowd and later said he was ashamed when he saw fans tearing up a Brazilian flag.

Salvador fans reacted violently when coach Sebastian Lazaroni left local star Charles out of his 20-man squad.

Bebeto was top scorer in the tournament, storming back with two against Paraguay after being dropped for a game while Lazaroni experimented with a different striker.

He showed great stealth in the penalty area to shake off markers and agility to reach difficult balls and convert them into goals or near misses with both feet or his head.

Bebeto does not like to compare with Zico, whom he considers a more complete player. "I have a lot to learn from him," Bebeto said.

Like Zico before him, Bebeto underwent a body-building programme after arriving at Flamengo late in 1982 a skinny 18-year-old who looked 14.

"Despite all his talent, we felt



Arabs push toward soccer stardom

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 17, (AP): A young Saudi Arabian team's victory over Scotland in last month's under-16 world championships show how the Arabs are emerging as a force in a sport long dominated by Europe and South America.

The 4-5 defeat by the Saudis in an extra-time shootout, after running around a 0-2 halftime deficit, rocked the soccer-crazy Scots, who boast one of the world's top national squads.

But the Saudis' first win in a world-class tournament had their countrymen jumping for joy. Forty thousand packed Jeddah's sports stadium to greet the young Saudi stars when they returned home.

Draped in garlands of flowers, hailed by King Fahd as national heroes, the youngsters watched as their fans performed

traditional Arab dances before them.

That was pretty tame compared to the celebrations in Iraq when its national squad won last summer's Arab Cup championship.

Anti-aircraft tracer shells lit the night sky over Baghdad and small arms fire echoed through the city for hours as Iraqis fired in the air.

For all this, the Arabs don't rank with the Europeans and South Americans yet. But the game's popularity is growing in the Arab world as its players' skills improve.

Arab, particularly North African soccer, made its major impact in the 1982 World Cup series and events since have shown it is now coming of age.

Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United

Arab Emirates have made it through to the second round of the 1990 World Cup preliminaries.

Syria defeated France in the 1987 Mediterranean Games, and the Saudi national team surprised England by holding them to a draw in a friendly match last year.

From Algeria to Yemen, "everybody plays football," said Mustafa Agha, a television sports commentator and university drama professor in Damascus, Syria.

While soccer has been a major sport for decades in Europe or South America, "We've only had 25 years, not more. But we're advancing very quickly," Agha noted.

In colonial days, particularly in North Africa, soccer clubs provided an outlet for nationalist

Costa Rica win

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, July 17, (AP): A header by striker Pastor Fernandez yesterday gave Costa Rica a 1-0 victory over El Salvador and a firmer grip on a berth in the World Cup final.

Fernandez' goal at the 45th minute of play upset Costa Rica's tally to 11 points, virtually enough to give it the first of two World Cup places reserved for the North, Central American and Caribbean qualifying round.

expect me to control the whole race. I will have to take the chances when I can."

Lemon, who took back the yellow jersey he held for five days earlier in the race from Frenchman Laurent Fignon in yesterday's 15th stage individual time trial, known the next two days are crucial.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by three wickets.

Northamptonshire 133 in 38.3 overs (D. Capel 49).

Lancashire 136 for seven in 35 overs (G. Fowler 53 not out).

Lancashire 4 points.

At Leicester: Nottinghamshire beat Leicestershire by 36 runs. Nottinghshire 182 for nine in 38 overs (C. Broad 71).

Leicestershire 146 in 36 overs (K. James 66).

Nottinghamshire 4 points.

At Taunton: Somerset beat Glamorgan by 81 runs. Somerset 249 for six in 38 overs (S. Cook 114, P. Roebuck 63).

Glamorgan 168 for eight in 36 overs (J. Gould 84 not out).

At The Oval: Surrey beat Sussex by 24 runs. Surrey 225 for four inns (A. Stewart 100 not out, G. Clinton 74).

Sussex 201 for eight inns (J. Gould 84 not out).

Surrey 4 points.

At Scarborough: Worcestershire beat Yorkshire by six wickets. Yorks 204 for seven inns (K. Sharpe 80, P. Carrick 49 not out).

Worcestershire 198 for four inns (I. Botham 68).

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